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Unrelenting Violence in Iraq

IN DANGER: A girl walks past the scene of a car bomb that killed five people in Baghdad on Thursday. The bodies of 40 apparent victims of sectarian death squads were found in the capital on Thursday, while other attacks left at least 23 more dead. A U.S. military spokesman in Iraq said suicide bombings have hit their highest level ever. ♦ **Chilling tape:** Terror leader calls scientists to jihad | **Page 6**

HP Execs Slammed On the Hill

Lawmakers compare spying scandal to Watergate, Enron

WASHINGTON | The saga of Hewlett-Packard Co.'s spying scandal — which has toppled the company's chairwoman, two other directors and at least two high-ranking executives — deepened in intrigue Thursday as lawmakers exploring the imbroglio summoned comparisons to Watergate and Enron.

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee demanded to know how investigators for the Silicon Valley anchor could use tawdry tactics such as "pretexting," or impersonating HP directors, employees and journalists to obtain their phone records.

In one document cited by the panel, an HP investigator had warned higher-ups, including the company's now-fired chief ethics officer, that the methods used to find the source of boardroom leaks were possibly illegal and at the very least could damage the company's reputation.

But few answers emerged. Ten people involved in the cloak-and-dagger operation — including the former ethics officer and General Counsel Ann Baskins, who resigned Thursday — asserted their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, refusing to answer questions. MARCY GORDON (AP)

ONE-STOP SHOP | **Heck, They Already Deliver** You could call it a post office with pepperoni and extra cheese. The Pizza and Ice Cream Land eatery will soon be the post office in Diamond City, Ark., now that the pizza place has won a contract



from the U.S. Postal Service. It won't be a full-service post office, but it will have mailboxes and other services. Residents of the town will soon be able to buy a roll of stamps and a large pizza to go, all in one stop. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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NOT FEELING WELL

Driving Under the Influence of Apoplexy

A Sands Point, N.Y., limousine driver who was driving erratically because he suffered a stroke — not because he was drunk — can sue Nassau County for false arrest, a federal judge has ruled. Judge Arthur Spatt denied the county's motion to dismiss the suit filed by Jorge Aguilera. Aguilera's limo was pulled over Aug. 26, 2004, after two officers observed him driving erratically. He told the officers that "he did not feel well and was unable to control his movements," according to the lawsuit. Although a field sobriety test for alcohol was negative, Aguilera was arrested on a DWI charge. (AP)

HEALTH CARE

Well, There Goes Lipo For the Whole Family

The Travis County, Texas, government was ordered by a court Tuesday to take weight-loss surgeries off its health-care insurance for employees, the Daily Texan reported. The plan, passed last week, would cover 15 dif-

ferent weight-loss surgeries; each of which costs between \$15,000 and \$25,000; the county had said the plan would save money in the long run by decreasing the amount spent for future obesity-related illness. However, the court said the county had no evidence or research to support that claim. The county commissioners pledged to pursue such research. (EXPRESS)



MARK RALSTON/AFLO/GETTY IMAGES

MAN VERSUS BEAST

Knock-Outback

Well, that's ANOTHER gold medal for human beings! While the regular Olympics may be an exciting competition among countries, they discriminate against our fellow mammals. That, apparently, is the premise behind the 2006 Animal Olympics at the Shanghai Wild Animal Park in China, where an Australian kangaroo boxed with a man in a clown suit on Thursday. The games, held in a large arena, also included an elephant carrying the Olympic torch and various animals, including zebras and mountain goats, put through a series of events such as hurdles and races. (EXPRESS)

ENTERTAINMENT

For My Next Trick, I'll Make Cops Overreact

Hylton Castle, England, police raced to the scene after hearing reports of a man wielding a samurai sword in front of a group of children — only to find



a children's entertainer putting on a show, Sunderland Today reported. Officers arrived at the field to find a bed of nails, juggling balls, fire-eating equipment and the sword, which was a prop in the show. Officers then shut the show down, much to the disappointment of the children. (EXPRESS)

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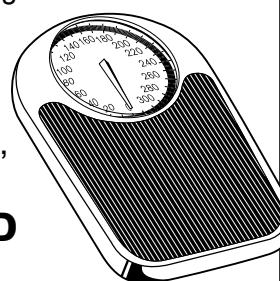
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"There aren't good ways to measure how many terrorists are being trained at camps around the world." —**Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld**, who criticized a recent U.S. intelligence report saying the Iraq war is now a 'cause celebre' for jihadists.



Nation

In Brief



PHOTO: M. EBEN HACKER

Polk County Sheriff's deputies aid in a search for a man who shot two officers.

LAKELAND, FLA.

Police Seek Man Who Shot, Killed Officer at Traffic Stop

A man who had been pulled over for a traffic violation shot two sheriff's deputies Thursday, killing one of them and prompting an intensive manhunt that forced a lockdown at three schools, officials said. The shooter was first approached during a traffic stop, but began shooting at officers when asked his identity, killing Deputy Vernon Matthew Williams. (AP)

MIAMI

Judge Delays Prison Again For Lobbyist Abramoff

A judge agreed Thursday to again put off prison for disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff and a former business partner, but the delays were shorter than what lawyers on both sides sought. Federal prosecutors and defense lawyers had jointly requested delays of 90 days beyond Monday's scheduled prison surrender date so Abramoff can continue to cooperate in a Washington corruption investigation. (AP)

Senate Passes Detainee Measure

Bill on interrogation methods criticized as violating Constitution

WASHINGTON | The Senate on Thursday endorsed President Bush's plans to prosecute and interrogate terror suspects, all but sealing congressional approval for legislation that Republicans intend to use on the campaign trail to assert their toughness on terrorism.

The 65-34 vote means the bill could reach the president's desk by week's end. The House passed nearly identical legislation on Wednesday and was expected to approve the Senate bill on Friday, sending it on to the White House.

The bill would create military commissions to prosecute terrorism



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GOP RALLY: President Bush, flanked by Sens. Bill Frist, left, and Mitch McConnell, met with Republicans on Capitol Hill Thursday to ensure passage of the detainee bill.

suspects. It also would prohibit blatant abuses of detainees but grant the president flexibility to decide

what interrogation techniques are legally permissible.

The White House has called the

"[This] makes a mockery of the Bush-Cheney lofty rhetoric about exporting freedom across the globe."

Sen. Patrick Leahy had harsh words about the bill | **Today, A Section**

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measure crucial in the anti-terror fight, but some Democrats said it left the door open to abuse, violating the U.S. Constitution in the name of protecting Americans.

Democrats said the Republicans' rush to muscle the measure through Congress was aimed at giving them something to tout during the campaign, in which control of the House and Senate are at stake.

ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY (AP)

Bush Slams Democrats on Iraq War

President defends his record after intel report shows spreading terror

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. | President Bush suggested Thursday that Democrats don't have the stomach to fight the war on terror, battling back in the election-season clamor over administration intelligence showing terrorism spreading.

"Five years after 9/11, the worst attack on the American homeland in our history, Democrats offer nothing

but criticism and obstruction and endless second-guessing," Bush said at a Republican fundraiser.

"The party of FDR and the party of Harry Truman has become the party of cut and run," said at a fundraiser for Alabama Gov. Bob Riley and the state GOP.

Democrats immediately disputed the charge that they would hold back in the anti-terror battle.

"On his watch, five years after 9/11, he not only has failed to capture Osama bin Laden, but as the [National Intelligence Estimate]

indicates, his failed policies have made America less safe and spawned terrorism, not decreased it," said Karen Finney, spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee. "Democrats will be tough and smart, and will actually fight the terrorists, not leave them to plan future attacks."

Bush's no-holds-barred speech came less than six weeks before midterm elections in which Democrats are seeking to strip Republicans of their control of one or both houses of Congress. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

Poll: Lieberman Leading Lamont

HAMPEN, CONN. | Sen. Joe Lieberman has a 10-point advantage over Democrat Ned Lamont among likely Connecticut voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released Thursday.

Lieberman, a three-term Democrat running as an independent after losing the party nomination in a primary, is favored by 49 percent to 39 percent over Lamont in the three-way race.

Republican Alan Schlesinger trails with 5 percent. (AP)

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A Platte Canyon High School girl is embraced by an unidentified woman after she was evacuated from the school during a siege in Bailey, Colo., on Wednesday.

Gunman Sexually Abused Hostages

Police identify shooter in siege at Colo. high school; one teen killed

BAILEY, COLO. | The gunman who killed a student and committed suicide during a high school standoff methodically selected six girls as hostages — apparently favoring blondes — and sexually assaulted at least some of them, authorities and witnesses said Thursday.

Sheriff Fred Wegener said the assaults went beyond touching or fondling.

"It was pretty horrific," Wegener said, without elaborating.

The killer was identified as 53-year-old Duane Morrison, a petty criminal who had a Denver address but had apparently been living in his battered yellow Jeep. He walked inside the school Wednesday with two handguns and a backpack that he claimed contained a bomb.

Investigators did not immediately say what was in the backpack.

Authorities said they knew of no connection between Morrison, his hostages or anyone else at Platte Canyon High School in this mountain town of about 3,500.

During the siege, he took the girls hostage in a second-floor classroom and eventually released four of them. A SWAT team used explosives to blow a hole in a classroom wall in hopes of getting a clear shot at him, but they couldn't see him through the gap, and they blew the door off the hinges to get inside.

Morrison fired at the SWAT officers, shot 16-year-old Emily Keyes in the back of the head as she tried to run away, and then killed himself, authorities said. CATHERINE TSAI (AP)



Morrison

Judge Rejects Ohio Abortion Pill Law

CINCINNATI | A federal judge struck down an Ohio law restricting the use of an abortion-inducing pill, calling the law vague and saying it could jeopardize women's health.

Wednesday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan Dlott came two years after a court challenge by Ohio abortion providers.

The 2004 law, which had never

taken effect, bars doctors from prescribing RU-486 after the seventh week of pregnancy.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which joined the suit this year, said the law interfered with medical decisions and criminalized practices that could be in the best interest of patients. (AP)

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The number of ancient artifacts, some dating from the fourth century B.C., Boston's Museum of Fine Arts returned to Italy on Thursday. Italian authorities hope the deal will pave the way for others to return antiquities they say were smuggled out of the country and sold.

Iraq Terror Chief Calls for Recruits

Al-Qaeda tape seeking scientists released as 23 die in latest attacks

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Al-Qaeda in Iraq's leader, in a chilling audio-tape released Thursday, called for nuclear scientists to join his group's holy war and urged insurgents to kidnap Westerners so they could be traded for a blind Egyptian sheik who is in a U.S. prison.

The fugitive terror chief said experts in the fields of "chemistry, physics, electronics, media and all other sciences — especially nuclear scientists and explosives experts" should join his group's jihad, or holy war, against the West.

"We are in dire need of you," said the speaker, who identified himself as Abu Hamza al-Muhajir — also known as Abu Ayyub al-Masri.

The 20-minute audio was posted to a Web site that frequently airs al-Qaeda messages. The voice could not be independently identified, but it was thought to be al-Masri's. He also said more than 4,000 foreign



DEADLY CYCLE: An Iraqi soldier guards the scene of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad on Thursday. The government plans to restrict traffic access to the city.

militants have been killed in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003 — the first known statement from the insurgents about their death toll.

It was unclear why al-Masri would advertise the loss of the

group's foreign fighters, but martyrdom is revered among Islamic fundamentalists, and could be used as a recruiting tool.

The audio message came on a day that saw the killings of at least 23 people and the discovery

OIL INDUSTRY LOSSES

→ Iraq's most important money-maker — its oil industry — lost \$16 billion in potential foreign sales over two years to insurgent attacks, criminals and bad equipment, a secret U.S. audit says. The Baghdad government "must take bold action" to protect its oil and electrical facilities, concludes an unclassified summary of the classified audit.

→ The U.S. has invested some \$320.3 million to help Iraq's security forces better protect its oil and electricity infrastructure. (AP)

in the capital of 40 apparent victims of sectarian death squads. To stem the violence, the government announced it will soon lock down traffic access to Baghdad.

Thursday's attacks in the capital included a car bombing that killed five and wounded 34 near a restaurant in the city's center, and a suicide car bombing on a military checkpoint that killed two Iraqi soldiers and wounded 10. DAVID RISING (AP)

In Brief



Pedestrians pass a van overturned by strong winds in Manila on Thursday.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Powerful Typhoon Kills 10, Toppled Key Power Lines

A powerful typhoon cut across the northern Philippines Thursday, hitting the capital with gale-force winds and pounding rain, and killing at least 10 people, officials said. Typhoon Xangsane toppled more than a dozen high-voltage power lines, causing a "total system blackout" on the main island of Luzon, said Arvee Villafuerte, spokesman of the state-run National Transmission Corp. (AP)

TBILISI, GEORGIA

Russia Recalls Diplomats Over Arrests for Spying Ring

Russia recalled its ambassador, announced the evacuation of its diplomats and complained to the United Nations on Thursday after Georgia detained five Russian officers on spying charges, bringing relations between the ex-Soviet neighbors to a new low. Georgian authorities detained the officers Wednesday, prompting angry statements from Russia's defense minister, who denounced Georgia as a "bandit" state. (AP)

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Military Rulers Choose New PM for Interim Government

Thailand's military rulers said Thursday they had chosen a prime minister for an interim government, but would not confirm that it was the front-running candidate — former army commander Surayud Chulanont. At least two Thai news organizations reported Thursday night that Surayud, a retired general and member of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's inner circle of advisers, was the choice. (AP)

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NATO to Control All Troops in Afghanistan

Move will put some 12,000 U.S. forces under foreign charge

PORTOROZ, SLOVENIA | A plan approved Thursday to extend NATO's military control across all of Afghanistan would put as many as 12,000 American troops under foreign battlefield command, a number that U.S. officials said could be the most since World War II.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld hailed the change as a "bold step forward."

The move is expected to take place in the next few weeks, a NATO spokesman said.

The largest number of U.S. troops ever under the control of foreign battlefield commanders was about 300,000 during World

War I, said military officials traveling with Rumsfeld to the NATO meeting. It was not clear how many troops were under foreign command during World War II.

A U.S. officer is in charge of the overall NATO force, but the new arrangement would put the U.S. troops under foreign commanders on the battlefield.

Rumsfeld said that some countries had stepped forward in response to appeals from NATO commanders for as many as 2,500 more troops to join the operation against the Taliban in the south. But he said more were still needed. He declined to say which countries had made offers. (AP)



Rumsfeld

World

Iran Firm on No Enrichment Halt

Ahmadinejad defends nuclear activities as envoys wrap up talks

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's hard-line president on Thursday again rejected demands that Tehran suspend uranium enrichment, even as top Iranian and European diplomats sounded somewhat optimistic about making progress toward starting negotiations.

Iranian and European envoys ended two days of talks in Berlin with no agreement on the enrichment issue but insisted they had "come to some positive conclusions" on ways to open broader talks on Iran's nuclear program.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stood firm on his insistence that Iran has a right to pursue its atomic program and showed no sign of compromise over the U.N. Security Council's demand that his government suspend enrichment.

The statements from the negotiators and the Iranian president con-

tinued a pattern of past months, in which Ahmadinejad publicly states a hard-line position of no compromise, often in front of large crowds, even as Iran's negotiators try to reach deals behind the scenes.

The Iranians appear to be gambling that even the hint of progress will blunt any push for U.N. sanctions over its program.

Ahmadinejad said Iran would not give in on its enrichment activities.

"They asked for a one-day halt. We said we won't do it," he told thousands gathered in Karaj, west of Tehran.

Iranian state TV quoted Ahmadinejad on Wednesday as saying Western negotiators were trying to persuade Iran to halt enrichment for just a day, to create an avenue for opening negotiations. President Bush has refused to enter into talks until Tehran halts enrichment. ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)



Ahmadinejad

ZAMBIA | VOTERS JAM POLLING STATIONS



ALEXANDER JOE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ELECTION DAY: Zambians line up to cast votes in the village of Palabana on Thursday. Voters jammed polling stations, some arriving three hours early, to cast ballots in the national elections—which will fill the presidential office, 150 parliamentary seats and hundreds of district council posts. It was Zambia's fourth election since it ended 27 years of one-party rule in 1991.

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Local

Tysons Corner Could Grow Further

Shopping mall owners propose adding more office, residential units

MCLEAN, VA. | Owners of Tysons Corner Center, already America's sixth-largest shopping mall, are proposing a massive redevelopment to add thousands of residential and office units that proponents say will mesh with the planned expansion of

Metrorail through the area.

The mall just completed a major expansion last year, adding a movie theater and several sit-down restaurants as it sought to transform itself into an entertainment destination as well as a shopping center.

The new proposal is even more dramatic, and would essentially make the mall the hub of a new, urban Tysons Corner, which county officials want to serve as a pedes-

trian-friendly downtown.

"It's hard to take a suburban area without a street grid and make it urban, but this will go a long way in that direction," said John W. Anderson, president of Macerich East Development LLC.

The proposal would add 3.5 million square feet of office, residential and retail space to the existing 2.2 million square feet of retail. The proposal includes 1,350 apartments

and condos, a 300-room hotel, four office buildings and 19 acres of public space.

Macerich, the company that owns Tysons Corner Center and at least a share of 72 other malls across the country, agreed to boost the residential portion of the project in response to county officials' request. It also agreed to designate 8 percent of the units as affordable housing. (AP)

Va. Begins Effort For Recycling of Assistive Tech

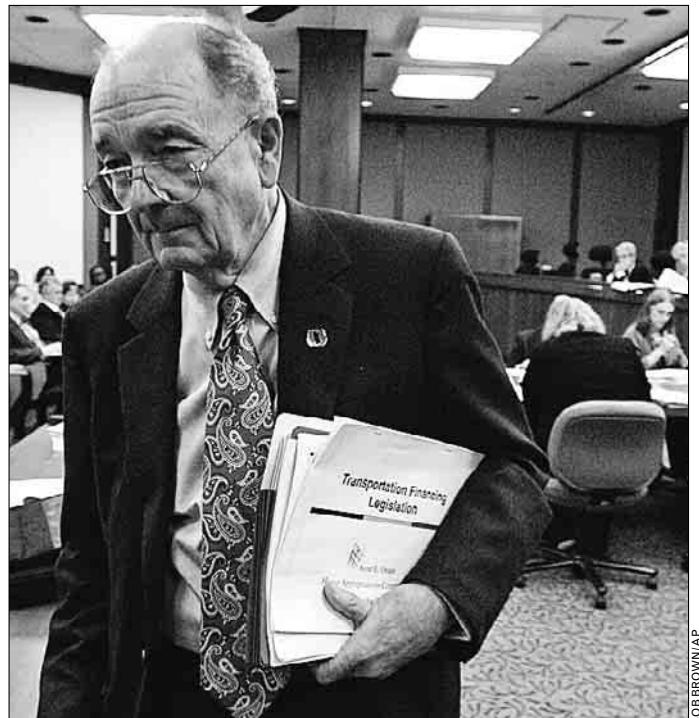
RICHMOND, VA. | Virginia is creating a network to recycle wheelchairs, canes and walkers that often are trashed when no longer needed, costing the state millions of dollars.

State health officials will link charity groups already recycling so-called assistive technology through an online database, helping get things like costly power scooters to people who cannot otherwise afford them.

A large percentage of those items are purchased with public dollars, said Ken Knorr, director of the Virginia Assistive Technology System. He said the recycling effort should be in place within three years, the time it will take to compile a list of existing programs, create new ones and secure funding.

In fiscal year 2006, Virginia Medicaid covered \$55.2 million in durable medical equipment needs — including AT devices — for non-managed care patients. (AP)

IN The Washington Post | VA. BILL STALLS AGAIN



BOB BROWN/AP

GOING NOWHERE: Del. Vincent F. Callahan Jr., R-Fairfax, walks out of the Senate Finance Committee meeting in Richmond, after the Senate rejected the bulk of a \$2.4 million transportation bill to improve the state's highways and transit systems. • **Lost cause:** Eight months of efforts by Gov. Tim Kaine to pass the bill end in disappointing fashion. | Today's Post, AP

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Daily 6 (Wed.)	12-23-25-26-27-29 (24)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	1-12-22-32-34 (19)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-6-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-1-1
Mid-day Pick 4	8-2-5-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-2-2-5
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-7-9-11-21 (17)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	1-3-5-22-27-38

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	8-1-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-9-3
Mid-day Pick 4	6-7-1-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-9-2-8

Mid-day Cash 5

8-16-17-31-33

Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)

2-7-9-12-21

Win For Life (Wed.)

11-19-22-26-27-34 (37)

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)

23-28-33-35-49 (16)

Power Play

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Curfew in D.C. to Go Into Oct.

10 p.m. limit for youth extended by Williams, saying lives are saved

WASHINGTON | Mayor Anthony Williams said Thursday he has extended a 10 p.m. youth curfew put in place after a spike in violent crime during the summer.

The temporary, tighter curfew approved in July would have expired Thursday night. But Williams' action means it will now expire Oct. 19.

The mayor's announcement came the same week that three teenagers were killed in a 24-hour period.

"We are all saddened by the recent deaths of three of our young people, but we feel that the curfew has worked to save the lives of others," Williams said.

Police, local officials and others became alarmed by a sudden increase in violent crime in July: 14 killings during the first 12 days of the month. There also had been a 13 percent increase in robberies in the first seven months of the year compared with the same period in 2005. (AP)

Va. Deaths in the Workplace Rise

RICHMOND, VA. | The number of job-related fatalities rose 9 percent in Virginia last year, with transportation accidents continuing to be the leading cause of death, the state labor department reported Thursday.

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry said there were 186 occupational fatalities in the state in 2005, up from 171 the previous year. It was the third straight year workplace fatalities increased.

Transportation deaths accounted for 69 deaths, down from 84 in 2004, while "contact with objects and equipment" resulted in 35 deaths, up from 22 the prior year. (AP)

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Money

Dow Briefly Hits Milestone

Index bounces above record set in 2000 in early morning trading

NEW YORK | The Dow Jones industrial average reached a milestone Thursday in Wall Street's nearly seven-year recovery from corporate upheaval, economic recession and terrorism, briefly trading above its record-high close of 11,722.98 set on Jan. 14, 2000.

The index of 30 blue chip stocks surpassed its record, rising to 11,728.46 in early morning trading.

"These numbers sometimes tend to act as magnets and the market it sometimes pulled up toward it," said Russ Koesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investments in San Francisco.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 29.21, or 0.25



MARY ALTAFFER/AP
Traders check numbers on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

percent, to 11,718.45. It has yet to reach its all-time trading high of 11,750.28, also set Jan. 14, 2000.

The last time the Dow stood at these levels, Wall Street was propelled by investors eager for a slice of the wealth being generated by the dot-com and housing booms.

More recently, the Federal Reserve's decision to pause after more than two years of interest rate hikes and evidence the economy is moderating, not heading for a hard landing, gave investors the impetus to push the Dow past its high close. ELLEN SIMON (AP)

Microsoft to Sell Zune for \$249.99

SEATTLE | Microsoft Corp. has vowed to put considerable money and effort behind its bid to dethrone Apple Computer Inc.'s market-leading iPod, but it will not be using price as a weapon.

Microsoft announced Thursday

that it will charge \$249.99 for its new Zune music player, about the same as Apple Computer Inc. charges for an iPod with the same storage capacity.

Microsoft's portable music player and its companion online

music service will debut on Nov. 14 in the U.S.

Microsoft also will offer a Zune Pass subscription service, which will let users listen to any of about 2 million songs for \$14.99 per month. RealNetworks Inc. charges the same monthly fee for its online music service, Rhapsody to Go. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
OilDri s	14.58	+1.43	+10.9
CSK Auto If	13.89	+1.13	+8.9
Natl RV h	3.50	+.26	+8.0
Accenture	31.60	+2.24	+7.6
WolvTub	3.07	+.21	+7.3

Losers

AGreet	22.83	-2.21	-8.8
Angelic	17.10	-1.18	-6.5
TNS Inc	14.05	-.94	-6.3
FullerHB s	23.57	-1.55	-6.2
Lindsay	28.69	-1.56	-5.2

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25		.5328	.5295	.5666
Fed Funds close	5.3125	5.25		1.1098	1.1104	1.1776
3-month disc	4.76	4.80		.7870	.7872	.8307
2-year	4.66	4.70		117.79	117.45	113.01
10-year	4.61	4.64		11.0000	11.0390	10.8480
30-year	4.76	4.78		32.99	32.92	33.24

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AlignTech	11.56	+3.76	+48.2
GallHist	2.09	+.38	+22.2
Voxware n	4.52	+.72	+18.9
ChinaBAK n	6.55	+.92	+16.3
lomai n	4.43	+.05	+1.1

Losers

Prestek	6.23	-1.47	-19.1
NvtlWrls	9.64	-2.07	-17.7
Kreislr	10.73	-1.76	-14.1
FreeSeas n	4.39	-.56	-11.3
CT BkTr n	7.65	-.85	-10.0

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5328	.5295		.5666		
Canadian Dollar	1.1098	1.1104		1.1776		
European Euro	.7870	.7872		.8307		
Japanese Yen	117.79	117.45		113.01		
Mexican Peso	11.0000	11.0390		10.8480		
Taiwanese Dollar	32.99	32.92		33.24		

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	48.33	-.04	+22.6
Allergan	114.00	+.38	+5.6
AstraZen	62.99	-.08	+29.6
BarrPhm	51.75	-.32	-16.9
BrMySq	24.85	-.15	+8.1
ForestLab	50.44	+.10	+24.0
Hospira	37.87	+.51	-11.5
IvaxCorp	25.98	...	-17.1
JohnJn	64.90	+.08	+8.0
LillyEli	57.32	+.31	+1.3
Merck	42.06	-.34	+32.2
Pfizer	28.30	-.11	+21.4
SchergPl	21.76	+.17	+4.4
Sepracor	48.54	-.12	-5.9
Wyeth	50.27	+.19	+9.1

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SUMMERS' DAY: Myrna Summers leads the 150-member choir at Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sundays.

Hear and Now

Where to find some of the best gospel music in Washington

It's 7:30 a.m. on a recent Sunday and hundreds of worshipers are rushing into Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church in Glenn Dale, where members of the church's mass choir are already standing and singing in a choir loft the size

of a basketball court.

The 150-member choir fills the room with the sound of its demanding call to faith. This is a gospel choir that means business, and everyone in the church is paying attention.

Standing in front of the singers wearing a microphone headset is Myrna Summers, an award-winning recording artist who's the minister of music for one of the area's

ALSO THIS SUNDAY

A Tale of Two Cyclists

A cyclist discovers a safer N.Y. for bikers while a Denver visitor sees if it is possible to tour the Mile High City on bike alone | TRAVEL

Education at Issue

A look at how the D.C. public school system became a blot on the city's image | OUTLOOK

largest congregations.

Singing gospel music isn't easy, says Summers, who puts her choir through long hours of preparation for a single service. And, she reminds you, "These are not professionals. They are volunteers."

Washington is a stronghold of black gospel music, and you can hear it everywhere from large sanctuaries to tiny storefronts.

Gospel singer Byron Cage is another example of a national recording artist who leads a choir in the Washington region. Even though he lives in Atlanta and directs a choir at the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church there, he still travels to Fort Washington twice a month to direct the Kingsmen at Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Cage understands that as important as the choir is, it needs to remember its complementary role to the sermon and service.

"We may be entertainers," he says, "but on Sunday morning my job is to create the right environment that will make preaching easy."

Here are a couple of the better-known area gospel choirs:

Ebenezer African Methodist

CHOIR SIZE: Six choirs, including the 200-voice Kingsmen. **THE SCENE:** The cavernous 3,600-seat sanctuary comes most alive when the Kingsmen perform. **WHEN TO**

HEAR THEM: The Kingsmen perform at least two Sundays out of the month, depending on Cage's schedule. Their next performance is Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

→ 77070 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, Md. 301-248-8833.

First Baptist Church of Glenarden

CHOIR SIZE: There are more than six choirs, including the 500-voice mass choir. **THE SCENE:** The church, formerly a Hechinger's, has a main sanctuary and overflow rooms. **WHEN TO HEAR THEM:** There are five services on Sunday at 7 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

→ 3600 Brightseat Rd., Landover, Md. 301-773-3600.

HAMIL R. HARRIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

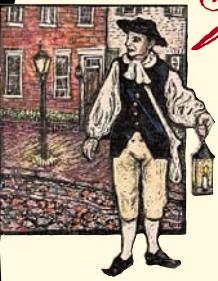


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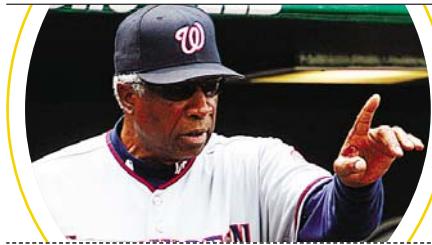
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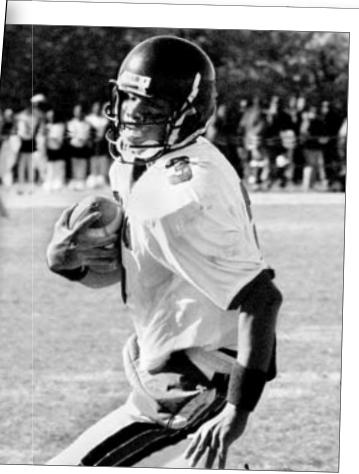
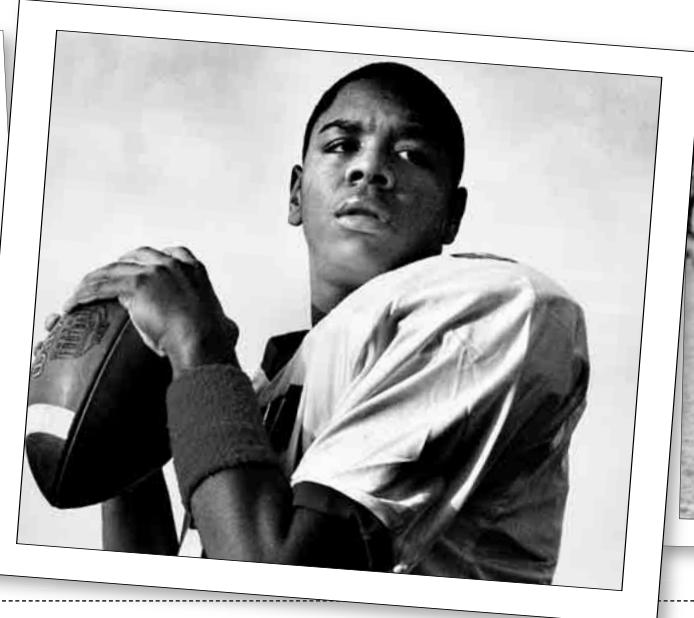
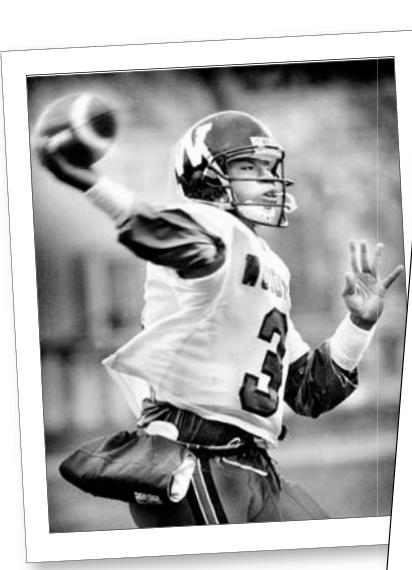
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NATIONALS

Out of Time: The Nats' season ends quietly this weekend, but the organization must make tough decisions to prepare for next year | **17**

Sports Weekend



TV Lineup

→ **HERE'S TO YOU, MR.**

ROBINSON: Fans will bid farewell to the Nats and, most likely, skipper Frank Robinson in three meaningless games against the Mets on Friday (7 p.m. on MASN), Saturday (7 p.m. on MASN) and Sunday (1 p.m. on MASN).

→ **ANOTHER LONG YEAR:** The Orioles' season comes to a close this weekend, their ninth-straight losing campaign. First, they'll travel to Beantown to play the Red Sox on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN), Saturday (7 p.m. on MASN) and Sunday (2 p.m. on MASN).



Wide receiver Calvin Johnson will lead Georgia Tech against the Hokies.

→ **UPSET SATURDAY?** ABC has it covered when it comes to possible college football upsets. An ACC battle kicks off the action as No. 24 Georgia Tech rolls into Blacksburg to battle No. 11 Virginia Tech (3:30 p.m. on ABC). Then the Big Ten struts its stuff when No. 1 Ohio State visits Kinnick Stadium and No. 13 Iowa (8 p.m. on ABC).

→ **TAKING A STAND:** Sunday's NFL games give teams a chance to prove why they are some of the best teams in the league and why they aren't the worst. First, it's a battle of the undefeateds as the Ravens host the Chargers (1 p.m. on CBS) and the Titans try to prove that they are not the worst team in the league against the Cowboys in Tennessee (1 p.m. on FOX). Then, it's a battle of the NFC's elite as Seattle heads to the Windy City to play the Chicago Bears in the Sunday night game (8 p.m. on NBC).

Homecoming

QB Leftwich returns to D.C. as the Jaguars' unquestioned leader

REDSKINS | Byron Leftwich's first great pass came on a Sunday afternoon at RFK Stadium.

It surely caused some shouting, but not the positive kind.

"When I was young, I used to sneak into RFK," Jacksonville's fourth-year quarterback said. "I knew a guy who took the tickets. He used to say, 'If you run, I can't chase you.'

"We would always go through his line and just run. Then we'd sit in someone's seats until someone came [to kick us out]."

There won't be any Leftwiches turnstile-jumping this weekend. He's secured more than 90 tickets for Sunday's match-up against Washington at FedEx Field. "And Redskins tickets

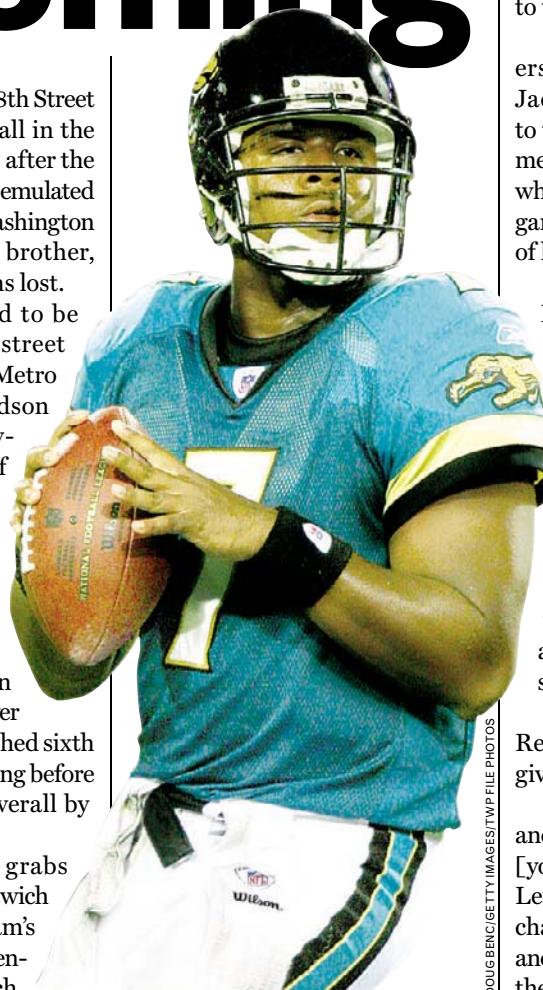
are not cheap," he said.

Leftwich grew up on 58th Street Southeast, playing football in the street Sunday afternoons after the Redskins game ended. He emulated whoever did well when Washington won and cried with his brother, Kevin, when the Redskins lost.

The kid who pretends to be Darrell Green in those street games grew into an All-Metro performer at H.D. Woodson High School while playing against the likes of Anacostia High School alum and 2005 Pro Bowl selection Cato June (Colts).

Leftwich then went to Marshall, where he was the Mid-American Conference's offensive player of the year twice and finished sixth in the 2002 Heisman voting before being drafted seventh overall by the Jags in 2003.

While their defense grabs most of the headlines, Leftwich has become one of the team's captains and was instrumental in Jacksonville's march



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Byron Leftwich grew up playing football in D.C. (top), but now he leads the Jaguars (bottom) against his first love.

to the playoffs last season.

"He's always had natural leadership abilities," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "Going back to the stories of his offensive linemen carrying him down the field when he [had broken his leg] in a game – it just illustrates what kind of leader he is."

Redskins defenders praised Leftwich (604 passing yards, 2 TD, 4 INT) as a guy who finds a way to make plays. But at least one defender thinks he might have an advantage on the former area prep star.

"One thing I noticed is his windup takes a long time," Redskins cornerback Carlos Rogers said. "Once you see that windup, it helps you [get a jump on the ball]. But he can still sling it."

Not that the childhood Redskins fan will be looking to give his first love any gifts.

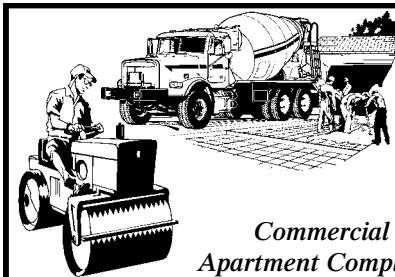
"The second they call your name and it was the Jacksonville Jaguars [your loyalties] change real quick," Leftwich said. "My family had to change, too. Now it's the Jaguars, and then everybody figures out what the Redskins did." ERIC BRANDNER



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL | **Are the Lions Next?** The Oscoda Area High School football team in Michigan hasn't won, or even scored a point, in four games this season. Because of that, the school district has decided to cancel the remaining games. Despite pleas from players and par-



ents, the school board recently upheld the school's earlier decision, saying players risked injury in trying to take on much stronger opponents. "When you go to a game on Friday night and see a team physically dominated, those are the indisputable facts," coach Kyle Tobin said. (AP)



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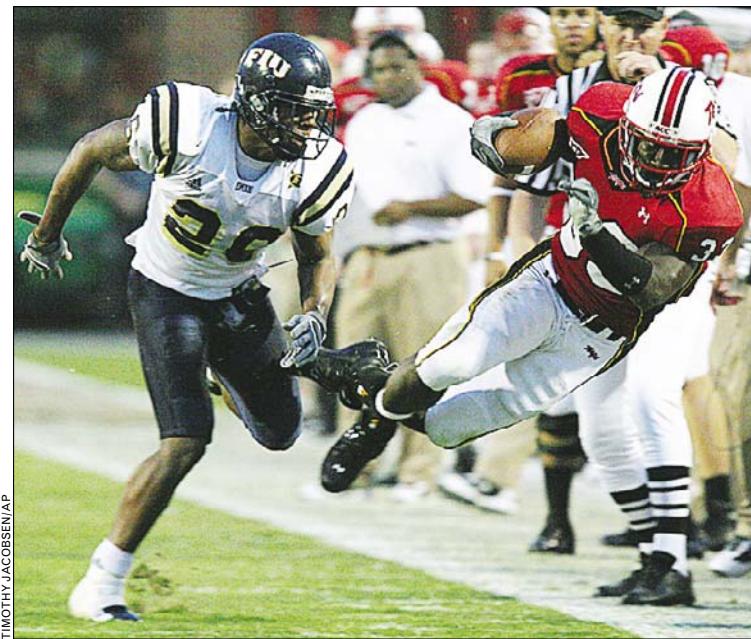


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HIGH-FLYING: The Terps (3-1) have had no problem looking good against weaker opponents so far this season. But they have a tough ACC schedule ahead of them.

Terps Search For an Identity

Maryland using bye week to figure out how to win in tough ACC

"We need to get better," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "I think the team can be better than the level we are playing now. I have a tremendous belief in these kids and we will keep working to get better."

Maryland's Atlantic Coast Conference schedule begins next week with a trip to No. 24 Georgia Tech (3-1). Of their remaining eight games, six come against teams with winning records, and one of those teams with a losing record is 1-2 Miami.

Through four games, Maryland is ranked eighth in the ACC in total offense and 10th in total defense. Its strong suit has been a rushing attack that has averaged 146.8 yards per game, but it's been balanced out by a lackluster passing game.

First and foremost, players say, the team needs to establish an identity — a winning identity.

"I don't think we've found one yet. We're still working on that," senior punter Adam Podlesh said. "This bye week will give us the opportunity to take a look in the mirror and see where we are. We've still got a lot of improving to do if we want to deal with these ACC teams, but we have the capability to." DEREK TURNER

And lose they did, but not before giving the Terrapins serious competition. Last Saturday's 14-10 victory over Florida International wasn't decided until the last minute. William & Mary and Middle Tennessee didn't hang around that long, but did expose some weaknesses in the Terrapins.

And No. 4 West Virginia needed only one quarter to thoroughly dismantle Maryland's defense.

Brunell's Toughest Task

QB now leads his team against a top defense ... and a very familiar foe

REDSKINS | Mark Brunell didn't need a benching — he needed Houston.

The NFL's worst defense arrived at the best possible time for Washington's 36-year-old quarterback. He went from Methuselah to Montana in one afternoon, continuously messing with the Texans as the Redskins piled up 495 yards in a 31-15 gimme.

The southpaw finally found his niche in offensive guru Al Saunders' offense, spreading the ball in the short passing game and letting the coach's play-calling do the rest.

The coming-out party was great, but don't expect Jacksonville to be fooled as easily this week.

"There's no secret to the fact that they want to throw [screens] to the backs and the wide receivers," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "We're prepared defensively to do what we need to do to slow them down."

Brunell faces his old team for the first time on Sunday when the Jaguars (2-1) bring the league's third-best defense in the league to FedEx Field.

The quarterback, who went to a pair of AFC title games in his nine years in Jacksonville, said the reunion will be easier because it's not in the city where he still owns a



Quarterback Mark Brunell posted huge numbers last week against the lowly Texans.

home and plans to spend his post-football days.

"We felt connected to the community," Brunell said. "To leave, particularly when you thought you would finish there, is tough."

Del Rio still has a warm spot for Brunell, calling the decision to trade the quarterback one of the toughest of his coaching career. Still, Jacksonville's defense won't be doing any favors for its favorite departed son this weekend.

"They're probably one of the best — if not the best — defenses in the NFL right now," Brunell said.

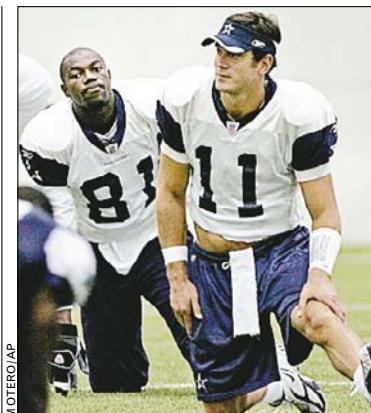
Washington players acknowledged ad nauseum this week that the offense needed to look down the field more in the passing game. A few deep connections could prove invaluable Sunday with Jacksonville Pro Bowl defensive tackles John Henderson and Marcus Stroud expected to clog the middle, making life tough on the 'Skins' rushing attack.

3 BURNING QUESTIONS:

→ **Back to back?** Associate head coach-offense Al Saunders used Clinton Portis and Ladell Betts last week the way he used to use Priest Holmes and Larry Johnson. The backs' versatility will be even more important this week against a stout Jacksonville defense.

→ **False starts?** The Redskins have given up an NFL-worst 298 penalty yards in their first three games. Keeping penalties down this week could make the difference between a win and a loss.

→ **Position of power?** Can Derrick Frost keep it up? The punter has started strong, and field position could be a determining factor this Sunday.



Wide receiver Terrell Owens, left, practices with the Cowboys on Thursday.

T.O. Drug OD Ruled Accident

FOOTBALL | Dallas police have classified Terrell Owens' case as an "accidental overdose," not an attempted suicide, closing their investigation Thursday of the Cowboys receiver's hospitalization.

Dallas police chief David Kunkle said he has "great confidence in the original officer report," which said rescue workers were called to the scene because of an attempted "suicide by prescription pain medication." It also said a friend described Owens as being depressed and that Owens said "Yes" when asked whether he was trying to harm himself.

"The report, in my opinion, reflects what the officers were told and represents their best interpretation of what happened," Kunkle said. "But that doesn't mean it's the definitive account of the incident." (AP)

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Nationals on the Way Out

As a long season wraps up, questions remain about team's direction

NATIONALS | Frank Robinson, the graying lion of the Nationals' clubhouse, sat behind a table in the media room before Wednesday's game sporting his usual tired-but-vigilant persona.

The Hall of Famer answered familiar questions during the 10-minute media session while his team was upstairs finishing third in the on-field attention scale to the visiting wild card-chasing Phillies and a group of Washington Capitals players who stopped by to take in batting practice.

When you're out of it early in a football town, people start to



FORCE OUT: Nationals young prospect Bernie Castro tries to turn a double play against the Phillies on Wednesday. Castro has spent time at second base recently.

forget you exist.

Subsequently, if you start playing better, you still have trouble making the front page.

Washington had won 14 of its last 25 games heading into Thursday's series finale against Philadelphia. That's nothing to scoff at, considering the clubhouse has been a revolving door since the All-Star break.

"If you look at our team now from when we started, it's almost a brand-new team," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said. "I think our lineup has improved since Felipe [Lopez] and Austin [Kearns] came over. If we can get [Alfonso Soriano] back and have him and Felipe up at the top of the order ... that's a pretty good lineup."

Meanwhile, inexperienced players such as second baseman Bernie

Castro got a taste of the majors without pressure.

Translation: more optimism when spring rolls around.

Sure, it's a nice spin on an otherwise dismal year. But when you're about to finish last in your division, it's all you have.

"I've said on a few occasions this month that I am very proud of this team, the way they've given the effort," Robinson said. "You can't dwell on your negatives like you can't live on your successes."

If nothing else, the Nationals answered two questions this season: 1) Zimmerman is as good as advertised; and 2) There'll be a lot of spots up for grabs next spring.

"We've been playing a whole lot better of late," Zimmerman said. "If we can take that — especially with a lot of the younger guys who are getting experience right now — it will kind of carry some momentum for next year and show these guys we can win." ERIC BRANDNER

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NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON

Robinson Has Done D.C. Well

IT'S NOT OFFICIAL YET, BUT Frank Robinson's managing days are almost over.

This weekend, the Hall of Famer will send out a team that will play as hard — and as well — as possible against the Mets at RFK Stadium.

Win or lose, the Nationals will do their fans and organization proud. That's what Robinson brings out in teams.

Then Robinson will be fired, an unceremonious dismissal for one of the game's greats.

The oldest of old-school baseball men, Robinson has instilled a sense of professionalism and pride that won't soon be forgotten.

Four years ago, he took a job nobody wanted managing a team, the Expos, that Major League Baseball didn't even want.

It was to be a one-year term before the team was contracted. The team was never axed, but without an owner, it kept losing its best players year in and year out.

Robinson didn't quit; he didn't complain. He just managed harder and produced teams that were far more competitive than expected.

Last year's early-season run was magical for a city experiencing a baseball renaissance.

One last rotten offseason with injuries and without true management doomed this season before it started. But just ask the Phillies,

"He took a job nobody wanted managing a team ... baseball didn't even want."

fighting for a playoff spot, how hard it is to beat a team coached by Robinson.

Some will laud the firing, citing Robinson's preference to rely on instincts over numbers. I'll be cheering, too, but not because the manager deserves to go.

Rather, Robinson deserves applause for the job he's done keeping an otherwise listless franchise afloat for four years.

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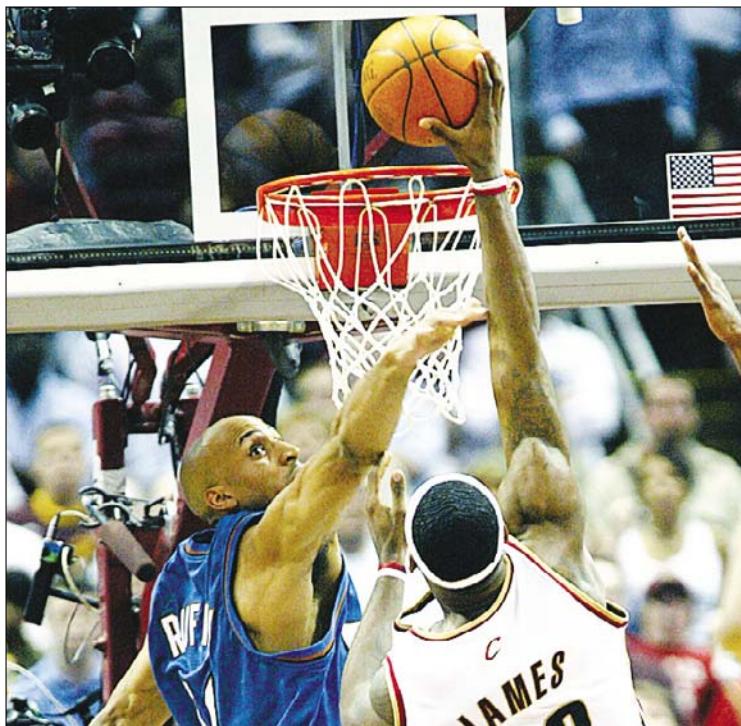
Wizards' Winning Formula

Team believes adding 'toughness' will result in more wins this year

WIZARDS | Fans may have wanted the big free agent signing (Ben Wallace) or the big trade (rumors surfaced about Jermaine O'Neal), but the words the Wizards used to describe their offseason weren't "star power" and "scoring."

"We added toughness to our team," President of Basketball Operations Ernie Grunfeld said of the Wizards, who start training camp next week. "We added a couple of players that have proven in this league to be good defenders and hard-nosed competitors."

Coach Eddie Jordan used the same words, saying that a top priority this season is being "tougher around the rim."



JOHN MC DONNELL/TWP

"As for our goals," Jordan said, "we want to make sure we're not giving up layups as much as we did in the past."

Giving up layups is still a sore subject for a Wizards team that saw its season end in the playoffs last year with three one-point losses (two on late layups by LeBron James).

But who is going to be that tough personality protecting the paint at all costs? The Wizards let restricted free agent Jared Jeffries, widely considered one of the team's best defenders, sign with the Knicks this offseason, clearly thinking they could replace his defensive tenacity with players who could have more of a scoring and rebounding threat while still playing hard-nosed defense.

The team's two signings this

LeBron James, right, hits a last-second layup in Game 5 of the playoffs.

summer were Darius Songaila and DeShawn Stevenson. Songaila is a power forward who has averaged seven points and four rebounds in his three seasons, and Stevenson gives the Wizards a 6-foot-5 guard with eight years of experience.

"By adding DeShawn and Darius, who we feel will be very good for us, we have tough, veteran defenders," Jordan said. "We have guys who can do equally as well at both ends of the floor, and that's going to help us."

Jordan knows stars Gilbert Arenas and Caron Butler will always be aggressive, and he has already seen Stevenson, who had knee surgery in the offseason, competing with Butler in five-on-five drills.

"What we see is that [Stevenson] and Caron are really competing against each other on the floor," Jordan said. "They seem to be tough personalities and tough players."

And that seems to be the common theme for the Wizards on the eve of another NBA season.

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WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 4

TIME	ARTIST	LOCATION
7:30PM	Paquito D'Rivera & Special Guest Roy Hargrove present "Viva Las Americas" Presented with the IDB Cultural Center	Inter-American Development Bank Cultural Center
8:00/10:00PM	Mike Stern Trio	Blues Alley
9:00/11:00PM	Thad Wilson Quartet	Bohemian Caverns
9:00/11:00PM	Ted Baker Quartet	Cafe' Nema
9:00/11:00PM	Allyn Johnson & Larry Willis	Twins
10:30AM	Na'Rimbo Mariachi Band (Mexico) / Student Concert	Inter-American Development Bank Cultural Center
11:00AM	Dr. Billy Taylor/ Jazz Alliance Int'l presents An NEA Jazz Master Residency	Howard University
1:30PM	Victor Masondo (South Africa) / Student Concert	Lincoln Theatre
6:00PM	U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors	Kennedy Center * Millennium Stage
8:00PM	Randy Weston, Victor Masondo & Lalela, Special Guest: Roy Hargrove	Lincoln Theatre
	Duke Ellington Homage — An African Ellington Tribute	
8:00PM	Luciana Souza Quartet	Library of Congress
8:00/10:00PM	Wallace Roney Sextet	Blues Alley
8:00/10:30PM	Dick Morgan Quartet	Willard-Intercontinental Hotel * Cafe' 1401
9:00/11:00PM	International Jazz Showcase: Edmar Castaneda (Colombia)	Busboys & Poets
9:00/11:00PM	Steve Williams Quintet	Bohemian Caverns
9:00/11:00PM	Organismo	Twins
9:00/11:00PM	Young Lions	Cafe' Nema

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 5

11:00AM	Randy Weston, Jazz Alliance Int'l presents an NEA Jazz Masters Residency	University of The District of Columbia
12:00 Noon	Meet the Artist: Thembu Mtshali-Jones South African Playwright/Actress/ Vocalist	National Museum of Women in the Arts
6:00PM	Afrobop Alliance, Special Guest Antonio Hart	Smithsonian Jazz Cafe
7:30PM	Geri Allen Trio, featuring Ron Carter & Jimmy Cobb	Kennedy Center * Terrace Theater
8:00PM	Roy Haynes Quartet, Paquito D'Rivera & The United Nation Orchestra, Co-presentation with WPAS	Lincoln Theatre: NEA Jazz Masters Concert
8:00/10:00PM	Wallace Roney Sextet	Blues Alley
9:00/11:00PM	Frederic Yonnet	Busboys & Poets
9:00/11:00PM	Jason Marshall Quartet	Twins
9:00/11:00PM	International Jazz Showcase: Eugenio Toussaint Trio (Mexico)	Bohemian Caverns
9:00/11:00PM	International Jazz Showcase: Thembu Mtshali-Jones (South Africa)	Cafe' Nema

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6

12:00 Noon	Roy Hargrove Quintet, Poncho Sanchez, Dr. John, Stephanie Jordan, John Scofield (plays the music of Ray Charles), Special Guest Mavis Staples, Nasar Abadey & SUPERNOVA	Jazz on The National Mall, Sylvan Amphitheatre
7:30/9:30PM	Janis Siegel "A Thousand Beautiful Things"	Kennedy Center * KC Jazz Club
8:00/10:00PM	Wallace Roney Sextet	Blues Alley
9:00/11:00PM	DC Bass Choir: Michael Bowie, Herman Burney, Jr & James King	Busboys & Poets
9:00/11:00PM	International Jazz Showcase: Eli Degibri Quartet (Israel)	Bohemian Caverns
9:00/11:00PM	Jason Marshall Quartet	Twins
9:00/11:00PM	International Jazz Showcase: Diego Urcola Quintet (Argentina)	Cafe' Nema

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7

12:00 Noon	Paquito D'Rivera Presents: Michael Philip Mossman & Soul de Corona, Featuring Antonio Hart	National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden
12:00 Noon	Jazz Brunch: Chris McSwain Trio	JW Marriott Hotel
2:00PM	Family Concert: Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite & Other Favorites	Lincoln Theatre
7:30PM	A Night at the Cotton Club: The New Washingtonians	Willard-Intercontinental Hotel * Ballroom
	Featuring Esther Williams & Conducted by Davey Yarborough	
	Special Guests: Avery Brooks, Paquito D'Rivera, & Roy Hargrove	
8:00/10:00PM	Wallace Roney Sextet	Blues Alley
8:30/10:30PM	International Jazz Showcase: Gino Sitson & Vocal Deliria (Cameroon)	Busboys & Poets
9:00/11:00PM	Will Smith & The W.E.S. Group	Twins

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8



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Entertainment Weekend

Teach Your Children

This 'School' is where young men go to learn how to score

FILM | In "School for Scoundrels," Billy Bob Thornton does a watered-down version of his belligerent "Bad Santa" character, while Jon Heder does an even nerdier version of the role that made him famous in "Napoleon Dynamite."

The clash of those two opposing forces provides a few laughs for a little while. But then director Todd Phillips, following up his gleefully juvenile "Old School," can't decide what he wants his movie to be.

Thornton stars as a wiry, enigmatic figure known only as Dr. P, who teaches a class for insecure men. He encourages them (with the help of a relentlessly abusive Michael Clarke Duncan) to be a lion, to take what's theirs. He berates and hazing them, which frequently results in his students being hit/kicked/shot with paintball pellets in the groin.

Heder co-stars as Roger,



NO, YOU THE MAN: In "School for Scoundrels," Billy Bob Thornton plays a rogue after the same girl one of his students wants.

an unbelievably milquetoast Manhattan meter maid who enrolls in the class after being rejected by yet another kid in the Big Brother program for which he volunteers.

The course itself is a clever idea, the misfit students sufficiently vivid in their social challenges. One guy (Matt Walsh) has yet to move out

of his parents' basement; another (Horatio Sanz, who's never funny) is tired of his wife walking all over him. And in the beginning, when they're all exposing their weaknesses and struggling awkwardly to overcome them, the film does have an insane energy about it.

But then the script veers into

oppressively mean territory; then it drags with repetitive one-upmanship. Then it turns into a cheesy romantic comedy, complete with a climactic mad dash through the airport. And after several false endings, "School for Scoundrels" feels like it will just never let out.



CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Real Men Wear Thermals

'The Guardian' plunges into the icy waters of film cliché

FILM | Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher's "The Guardian" drags on like a slow boat ride to Anchorage.

Like almost any well-intentioned tale of selfless rescuers, the movie has its potent moments, with director Andrew Davis crafting hearty action sequences of men hurling themselves into peril to save others.

The drama and emotion behind the action is so frosty, though, you could die of exposure by the time "The Guardian" lumbers to its



LIKE A SON TO ME: Costner and Kutcher create a sort of hard-earned bond. Yawn.

climax.

Costner's Ben Randall is a legendary Coast Guard swimmer based in Kodiak, Alaska, where he leaps

from helicopters into frigid, churning waters to haul drowning fishermen, tourists and others to safety.

Tragedy strikes during a cargo

boat rescue, so traumatizing Ben that he's dispatched to the classroom at the Coast Guard's elite school, where he oversees the instruction of a fresh crop of swimmers.

Ben applies unconventional training methods to prepare the wannabe rescuers, who include arrogant recruit Jake Fischer (Kutcher).

The two men clash, bond, clash some more, then build a sort of father-son relationship. And, of course, they eventually must team up for a daring rescue that pounds the movie's theme of self-sacrifice home with a sledgehammer.

It's uncertain whether "The Guardian" could have been salvaged with more cuts. But at least viewers would not have had to spend so much time in icy waters if Davis had aborted the mission quicker.



DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

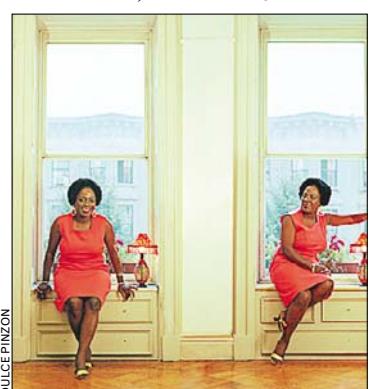


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Where can I go to have some fun with the boys slogging huge pints and eating sausages? We'd prefer something a little more fun than some stuffy old German restaurant, maybe somewhere with live music or girls in lederhosen.

First up, girls don't wear lederhosen. Anyway, this weekend there's a beer garden at the Frederick Oktoberfest, which will feature live music and plenty of sausages.

Frederick's Oktoberfest; Frederick County Fairgrounds, 797 E. Patrick St., Frederick, Md.; Sat., noon - 10 p.m.; Sun., noon-6 p.m., \$6, free with dirndl or lederhosen; 301-663-5895.



Funky soul singer Sharon Jones (in duplicate) is known for sizzling live.

This Saturday Sharon Jones is at the Kennedy Center (for free) and Charlie Mars is in Vienna (not for free). I have never seen either. Which one do I take my partner in crime to?

The answer this time is Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings as part of the Dancing on the River Terrace series at the Kennedy Center. Jones is a funk/soul throwback and a truly dynamic performer. Charlie Mars will be around again, for certain.

Kennedy Center, South Plaza, 2700 F St. NW; Sat., 8:30 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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FRIDAY

Rollie Fingers. Tom Selleck. Friedrich Nietzsche. Salvador Dali. Freddie Mercury. Teddy Roosevelt. What do these great men have in common? Mustaches. Bushy, waxy, attention-getting mustaches. We'd wager "Magnum, P.I." would do pretty well at **MCFADDEN'S** tonight, where the Mustachio Bashio party is celebrating facial hair while raising money for charity. Organizers are making it worth everyone's while to sport a mustache, fake or not — it's \$5 if you've got something on your lip, \$10 if you don't. Once inside, specials include \$2 Budweiser bottles, \$5 Bud Light pitchers and \$5 pint-sized Captain Morgan drinks. Proceeds go to Locks of Love, a charity that provides hair-pieces for children and teenagers who've lost their hair during medical treatments.

SATURDAY

\$!#@ — the Goons are breaking up! That's the only reaction we have about the D.C. punk band's "last-ever show" tonight at **THE BLACK CAT**. Influenced by the Descendants, the Subhumans and the Circle Jerks, the Goons wrote roaring, straight-ahead hardcore songs about hating the government, hating your job, hating credit cards, hating ... well, just about anything they could get up the venom for, with Serge's distinctive wailing vocals cutting above the noise. The Goons' three albums were loud, fast and didn't shy away from telling you exactly what they were feeling. Opening is another D.C. punk band we'd like to tell you about but can't, because its name is a rude word.

With their preference for late hours and distaste for the standard nightlife trappings of overpriced booze and manufactured exclusivity, serious house heads often hide out in the corners of the scene where they can dance until 5 a.m. Once upon a time, party culture embraced a broader spectrum of dance music, from hip-hop and soul to reggae and house. Check out another installment of



THE BEAT GOES ON: Beat Happening, above, was K Records' flagship, but the label's also released work by Beck, Pansy Division, Modest Mouse and others.

Rebirth at **MIRRORS** tonight and integrate your dance floor experience. You can get your mainstream urban sounds in the main room; in the Mocha Lounge, DJs Oji, Curtis Lee and Divine throw down house tracks.

GALLERY has become the key venue for house music in the Washington area. There are venues that are bigger, but not one is bringing in DJs that can touch the lineups at Gallery. Sneak? Derrick Carter? Roy Davis Jr.? This Silver Spring restaurant and club is now the home of house. Tonight, it's yet another special treat: Todd Terry. One of the pillars of the New York scene, Todd the God is best known for his remix of Everything But the Girl's "Missing," but his disco



COURTESY OF THE GOONS

LAST CIRCLE PIT: Saturday, D.C. hardcore greats the Goons say "peace."

meets-electro sound has also touched the Jungle Brothers, Spiller and dozens of other club hits. Hit omnipresentdc.com for guest list action, which means free admission until midnight. (Ladies get free drinks from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.)

MONDAY

The best movie theater in Washington? For fans of punk and indie rock documentaries, it's **THE BLACK CAT**. After last week's screening of a crucial 1982 Bad Brains show (and with the Stooges and Dead Boys on tap next week), the club presents "Shield Around the K: The Story of K Records." The Olympia, Wash.-based label is sort of the Dischord of the West Coast, maintaining a strict DIY ethic over its more than 20 years of existence. Bands on the label have generally been quieter and goofier than Dischord acts; twee-pop trio Beat Happening, featuring label founder Calvin Johnson, served as K's flagship band, and rare live footage of the group will be featured in the documentary, along with performances by Mecca Normal, Fugazi and others. Proceeds from the screening benefit All Our Power.

 There is an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" available at washingtonpost.com/cityguide

Entertainment | Weekend



BRING YOUR FAVORITE PILLOW: Gael Garcia Bernal stars in director Michael Gondry's trippy "The Science of Sleep."

Now Playing

ACCEPTED (PG-13, 90 minutes) Bartleby Gaines (Justin Long) can't bear to tell his folks that he has been rejected by every college to which he applied and falsifies an acceptance letter from an institution he has made up. The parents buy the hoax, and so do hundreds of other burnouts, stoners, airheads and strippers. This teen comedy gets annoying fast. **ADRIANE QUINLAN**

ALL THE KING'S MEN (PG-13, 127 minutes) This film occurs in two time frames. One follows Willie Stark (Sean Penn) as a failed political candidate in a backwater city who rises to the pinnacle of state power, as narrated by Jack Burden (Jude Law), a journalist turned flack turned private dick for Willie. The second mode is memory. Jack recalls his childhood in which he was the fatherless son of a grand society lady (Kathy Baker), mentored by the great Judge Irwin (Anthony Hopkins) and equally smitten with the neighboring Stanton kids (Kate Winslet and Mark Ruffalo). Naturally, the fun part is anticipating and watching these worlds collide. But director Steven Zaillian can't stay away from showy tricks (unusual camera placements, twisted angles, fascination with double images, mirrors, mists and moons), but filter out all the film school pyrotechnics and the movie's an honorable run at Robert Penn Warren's classic novel. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

ANOTHER GAY MOVIE (Unrated, 92 minutes) Writer-director Todd Stephens has

produced a painfully derivative take on raunchy teen sex comedies. Michael Carbonaro, Jonathan Chase, Jonah Blechman and Mitch Morris play best friends haven't lost their virginity by their high school graduation; each embodies a tired stereotype. **(AH)**

BARNYARD (PG, 83 minutes) Male "cows" with pink teats? Not so easy to get past. Yet that's what can be found in a movie where the animals throw barn dances and watch TV once the farmer closes shop for the night. The film's premise is a lot like that of the much better "The Lion King." This movie will entertain kids, not grown-ups. **JENNIFER FREY**

BEERFEST (R, 110 minutes) Brothers Jan and Todd (Paul Soter and Erik Stolhanske) head to Munich to spread Grandpa's ashes but end up involved in the Secret Beer Olympics, a world-class chugging contest with games like pong and darts and quarters. This film does anything for a laugh, no matter how puerile, silly or offensive. **(SH)**

THE BLACK DAHLIA (R, 119 minutes) On Jan. 15, 1947, in L.A., the beautiful, feckless Elizabeth Short, 22, was found brutally murdered. This film by Brian De Palma follows two police officers (Josh Hartnett and Aaron Eckhart) assigned to the futile investigation who let it grow in their minds until it haunts them. The result is busy in the least satisfying of ways; about half the movie is a synopsis of what the filmmakers don't have time to dramatize. Despite genius-level contributions from cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond and art director Dante Ferretti, the film is almost abusively murky. **(SH)**

BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (Unrated, 105 minutes) This movie studies a bonding ritual among newly partnerless young-elderlies (say, 55 to 65) at the famous

Florida retirement town. These folks want society, life, intimacy. There are plenty of reasons to like the movie; one is its superb cast of discarded '70s-era Hollywood stars such as Sally Kellerman, Joseph Bologna, Michael Nouri and Dyan Cannon. **(SH)**

CARS (G, 116 minutes) Our hero, Lightning McQueen (the voice of Owen Wilson), is a sleek, red sportster on the racing circuit. He ends up stranded in a town called "Radiator Springs." He interacts with the townspeople, falls in love and learns a little something. This is the latest concoction from the geniuses at Pixar, and it's great fun. **(SH)**

CLERKS II (R, 98 minutes) Dante and Randal are back and have grown up only slightly. This sequel finds them still bantering with customers, having movie geek-offs (the "Star Wars" vs. "Lord of the Rings" argument is priceless) and relishing crude innuendo. This is a lewd, lascivious, exhilaratingly life-affirming celebration of misfits and the misfits who love them. **(AH)**

CONFETTI (R, 94 minutes) This faux documentary is about a wedding magazine that enlists three couples to compete for "Most Original Wedding of the Year." Written and directed by Debbie Isitt, it resembles the hit BBC series "The Office" and "Extras" in its up-close-and-poisonous verité style. It even stars one of the best-loved actors from "The Office," Martin Freeman, here playing a bridegroom whose fiancée (Jessica Stevenson) dreams of a wedding by Busby Berkeley. The other two couples are nudists and fiercely competitive tennis players. As they prepare for their big day, they are helped along by wedding planners who, as gay men, can't

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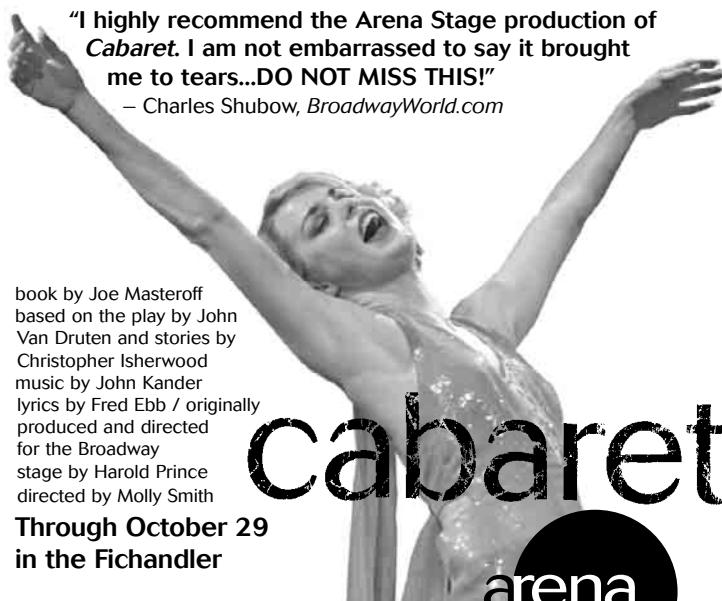
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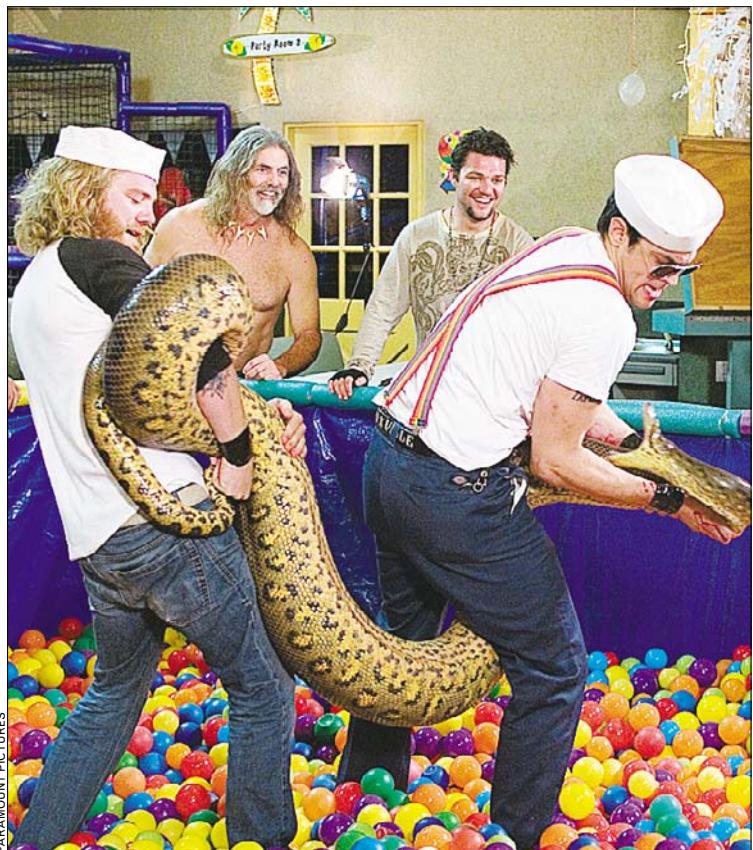
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'NUMBER TWO' IS NUMBER ONE: Against the country's better judgment, there really was nothing more entertaining to see last weekend than the "Jackass" sequel.

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legally marry but prove to be the most loving couple of the lot. Isitt cheats a bit with the contrivances, and the movie is an exercise in mostly unfunny bickering and bad behavior. Still, the climactic scenes possess an irresistible charm. (W)

possess an irresistible charm. (AH)

THE COVENANT (PG-13, 97 minutes)

Four preps carry on a 17th-century tradition: They have psychic abilities to unlock doors, swoop into the air, etc. In this uninspired composite of "X-Men" and "Harry Potter," the reluctant leader, Caleb (Steven Strait), and his friends are trying their best to keep their secret from the staff and students of Spenser Academy. But spooky developments threaten to blow things wide open. Director Renny Harlin pays homoerotic homage to youth, cranks up the heavy metal and backlights the omnipresent rain. **ESSON THOMSON**

CRANK (R, 83 minutes) You may recall "D.O.A.," a classic film noir about a small-town businessman who is poisoned and has 48 hours to live. The death sentence actually galvanizes his life, and he becomes a driven hero. Great movie. This film's "D.O.A." on meth. It pops you one way, then the other in a frenetic rush. The action is completely overheated, and the thing never makes sense (SH).

CROSSOVER (PG-13, 95 minutes) With a few tweaks, this could be a terrible movie for the ages; this street ball flick — about two Detroit friends (Anthony Mackie and Wesley Jonathan) who live for slam-dunks, each other and getting an education — has to settle for mere bologna. (C-)

lyious. (DT)
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13, 109 minutes) Meryl Streep plays Miranda Priestly, the driven, demanding editor in chief of Runway, the bible of New York fashion magazines. Miranda's latest hire is Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), the smart girl who eschews fashion and is out of place at work. She wants to be a serious writer. Can Andy survive a year of Miranda and win a recommendation that will get her in the door at any magazine in Manhattan? Streep makes it work

JENNIFER FREY
EVERYONE'S HERO (G, 90 minutes) This animated film follows a 10-year-old, the son of a groundskeeper at Yankee Stadium. You would think this would make him a neighborhood celeb, but he's put upon by the other kids because he's not much of a player. However, at his nadir, he finds a talking baseball with the conventional cabdriver's Brooklyn patois. But wait: Let's team the ball with the Babe's talking bat. The movie's a feast of miscalculations. Neither a bat nor a ball make for an enchanting child's companion. (SH)

EEAST (R 86 minutes) A dozen film arche-



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FLYING INTO DANGER: "Flyboys," based on real events from World War I, is a goofy, conventionally entertaining war flick.

Now Playing

types (hero, bimbo, hothead) drown their sorrows in the Beer Trap Tavern at this movie's outset. Knock, knock. Who's there? A family of monsters. Ten minutes in, Jason Mewes (playing himself) gets his face torn off. From there, it's a cat-and-mouse game, although "game" suggests an objective, which this movie lacks. What it does have is a geyser of gristle and disorienting camera work. It aspires to be a splatter film and a celebration of grindhouse cinema, then tries to write itself off as parody. DAN ZAK

FLYBOYS (PG-13, 139 minutes) Off we go into the wild blue meander with this inflated wannabe epic about the American aviators of Lafayette Escadrille in WWI. The movie is one of those weird retro numbers, in which millions are spent on technology so the final product looks as though it were made in 1930. Filled with almost-names such as James Franco, it examines the history of the volunteer group attached to the French before we went Over There. The movie is so overdone it becomes almost goofy, but contains intense battle action. (SH)

GRIDIRON GANG (PG-13, 120 minutes) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars as football coach Sean Porter in this fictionalized version of an inspiring real-life story. In 1990, Porter, who was working at a juvenile detention facility in California, recruited 11 of his toughest inmates to create the juvie version of a high school football team and he took the team to the championships — along the way saving several of his charges from jail and/or early death. It's a terrific story, and Johnson's a charismatic figure. But instead of a crackling good movie, director Phil Joanou made

a lugubrious tutorial on the importance of being a winner. (AH)

HALF NELSON (R, 106 minutes) Ryan Gosling plays Dan Dunne, a junior high school teacher in Brooklyn who tries to teach Hegelian dialectics by day, smokes crack at night and seems to be cracking himself under the pressures of his ideals and a sense of cynicism and futility. The good news in Dan's life is a promising student, Audrey, played in a revelatory debut by Shareeka Epps. Nearly every scene rings with ragged truth. (AH)

THE HOUSE OF SAND (R, 115 minutes) The Old Testament by way of Gabriel Garcia Marquez might be one way to start to describe this otherworldly cinematic journey that has been less directed than conjured by Andrucha Waddington. This story of a mother and daughter who settle in the desert outback of northern Brazil in 1910 unfolds in a kind of brutal, gorgeous dreamscape as Maria (Fernanda Montenegro) and daughter Aurea (Fernanda Torres) arrive in a god-forsaken corner of nowhere. The film follows the women's lives through the 1960s, during which they befriend a local fisherman named Massu (Seu Jorge). Visually dazzling, epic in its sweep and deeply romantic in its sensibility, this is one of those films whose images and ideas linger long after the lights come on. In Portuguese with subtitles. (AH)

HOLLYWOODLAND (R, 126 minutes) On the night of June 16, 1959, George Reeves, the handsome, affable star of the TV hit "Adventures of Superman," was found with a bullet through his brain in his L.A. home. This film, with Ben Affleck, Diane Lane and Adrien Brody, investigates his death. It reaches no conclusions but speculates on the possibilities in an evenhanded way. It's almost a good movie. (SH)

IDLEWILD (R, 121 minutes) OutKast's

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Mr. Nice Guy: Actor Michael Emerson claims he's nothing like the disturbingly serene Other he plays on ABC's "Lost." | *TVWeek*

Family Secrets: If you thought the characters in Jonathan Franzen's "The Corrections" were jerks, wait until you meet ... Jonathan Franzen in "The Discomfort Zone." | *BookWorld*

Prohibition-era musical shouldn't work, but does. For all its shortcomings, "Idlewild" has things few films can pull off: Moments of pure cinematic fabulosity, breathtaking dance sequences and idiosyncratic 3-D animation flourishes. (TW)

THE ILLUSIONIST (PG-13, 109 minutes) Edward Norton plays Eisenheim, an illu-

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sionist who has become the toast of aristocratic Vienna and is being watched by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti). The movie then backtracks to Eisenheim's beginnings as a poor boy, his friendship with a spirited young duchess and the downfall of their budding romance. The movie is a subtle, eerie augury of the cataclysm that lies ahead for Austria as well. However, it can't overcome a fatal inertness. (AH)

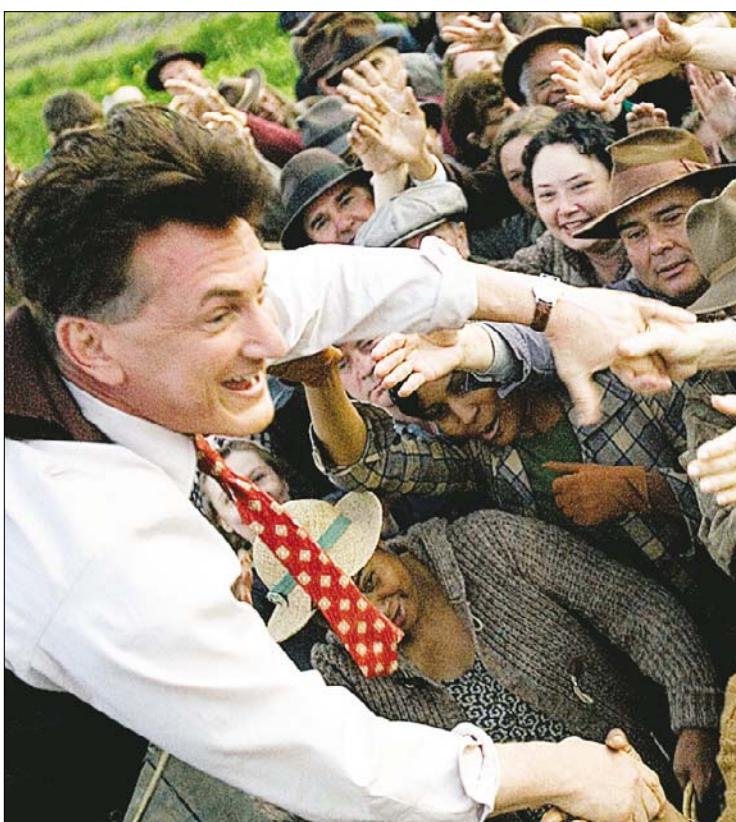
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG, 100 minutes) This documentary follows Al Gore on his world tour, in which he warns audiences that humankind faces dire consequences if it doesn't curb carbon dioxide emissions. Although Gore's presentation tells us nothing new, it has a renewed potency in light of growing scientific consensus about changing weather patterns. (DT)

INVINCIBLE (PG, 99 minutes) Mark Wahlberg stars as Vince Papale, who in 1976 joined hundreds of Philadelphia

Eagles fans in a publicity stunt of an open tryout; no one was more surprised than Papale himself when he made the cut. "Invincible" tells Papale's story without frills. (AH)

JACKASS: NUMBER TWO (R, 95 minutes) Sure, this sequel amounts to wall-to-wall bonehead behavior and it's hard, if not impossible, to justify the grosser material, some of which borders on the pornographic. But these dudes understand the simple integrity of a slapstick gag—and their fans understand that. (DT)

JET LI'S FEARLESS (PG-13, 103 minutes) Jet Li plays Huo Yuanjia, a Chinese martial arts fighter of the first decade of the last century who must triumph over his inner demons to triumph over his country's outer demons. The movie is handsome, well-populated and offers beautiful scenery and settings. But it follows a well-traveled path: When Yuanjia is told he has been humiliated by a rival family, he goes ballistic, seeks revenge and unleashes fury on Earth. The fight choreography is impressive, but it's so pumped up it seems ridiculous. The movie fears nothing indeed: not lack of a plausible story, not murky motivations and ide-



GRIP AND GRIN ... MANICALLY: Sean Penn plays politician-turned-demagogue Willie Stark in an ill-advised remake of the Oscar-winning movie "All the King's Men."

alized settings and clichéd characters, not too much overblown wire work in the martial arts sequences. It's best for audiences that wish to wallow in one-dimensional naivete. (SH)

THE LAST KISS (R, 104 minutes) Zach Braff plays Michael, an almost-30 architect who has just learned his beloved girlfriend, Jenna (Jacinda Barrett), is pregnant. Of course, he's delighted—so delighted that he succumbs immediately to the flirtations of Kim (Rachel Bilson). Michael isn't the only one learning about true love the hard way. Chris (Casey Affleck), Michael's close friend, wants to leave his carping wife (Lauren Lee Smith) but not their child. Izzy (Michael Weston) can't get over the high school sweetheart who left him. A romantic nail-biter like this may sound like the opposite of fun. Do we really want to watch the slow-burn destruction of trust and happiness? In this case, yes. What makes the movie especially satisfying is its vision of love as the soul of partnership—rather than the crack high known as romance—and something worth fighting for. (DT)

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JOHN LENNON joked that since he was a schoolboy he'd always gotten in trouble, maybe because he just had a look about him. Eventually, he got into trouble with the U.S. government. The ex-Beatle's celebrated battle with the feds is chronicled in "The U.S. vs. John Lennon," a documentary tracing how he went from rock star to fierce anti-war protester to "undesirable alien." The film was made with the cooperation of Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, who said the film is a rich and authentic portrait of the man and what he was fighting for. "Basically, if you want to know about John, this is John," Ono declared at the Toronto International Film Festival. Directors David Leaf and John Scheinfeld were able to mine archival recordings and family photos provided by Ono and secure rights to use about three dozen Beatles and Lennon songs in the film's soundtrack. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R, 101 minutes) Throw a quirky family in a broken-down, yellow VW bus en route from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, Calif., so that 7-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) can compete for the dubious title of Little Miss Sunshine. What happens when the family actually makes it to the pageant is sad, sweet, enlightening and really, really funny. JENNIFER FREY

MONSTER HOUSE (PG, 91 minutes) The animated story of a boy who discovers that the house across the way is a monster with a voracious appetite for children, this movie, by turns tiresome and terrifying, is a grisly, often cynical work whose joyless, aggressive spirit is made even less appealing by its soulless visual style. (AH)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13, 140 minutes) Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) is dispatched to steal Jack Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) mystical compass, which is believed to

lead to the soul of Davy Jones. Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) stows away aboard Sparrow's ship to find fiance Will. The movie's most entertaining feature is its computer-generated creations. (DT)

THE PROTECTOR (R, 84 minutes) Thai action hero Tony Jaa plays Kham, whose family for generations has looked after the prized elephants of Thai kings. When two of his elephants are stolen and smuggled into Australia, he travels to Sydney, where he runs afoul of the police, the venomous chief of a local crime syndicate and all manner of baddies. There's not much here for anyone who isn't a die-hard chop-socky junkie. (AH)

QUINCEÑERA (R, 95 minutes) The scene is L.A.'s Echo Park, a neighborhood in transition. Magdalena is 14 and pregnant; her cousin Carlos is 16 and gay in a macho culture. Directors Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland make many safe choices, but the film looks realistically at dubious civic practices and is honest about the painful feelings of kids and their need for love and guidance. (AH)

THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP (R, 106 minutes) In

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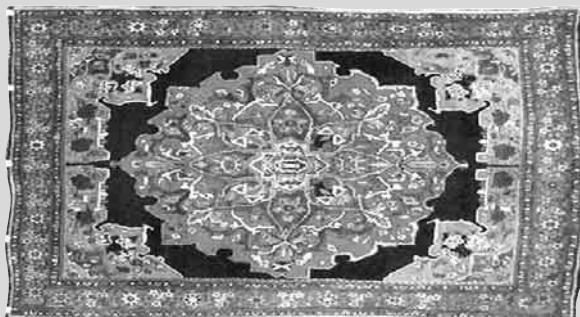
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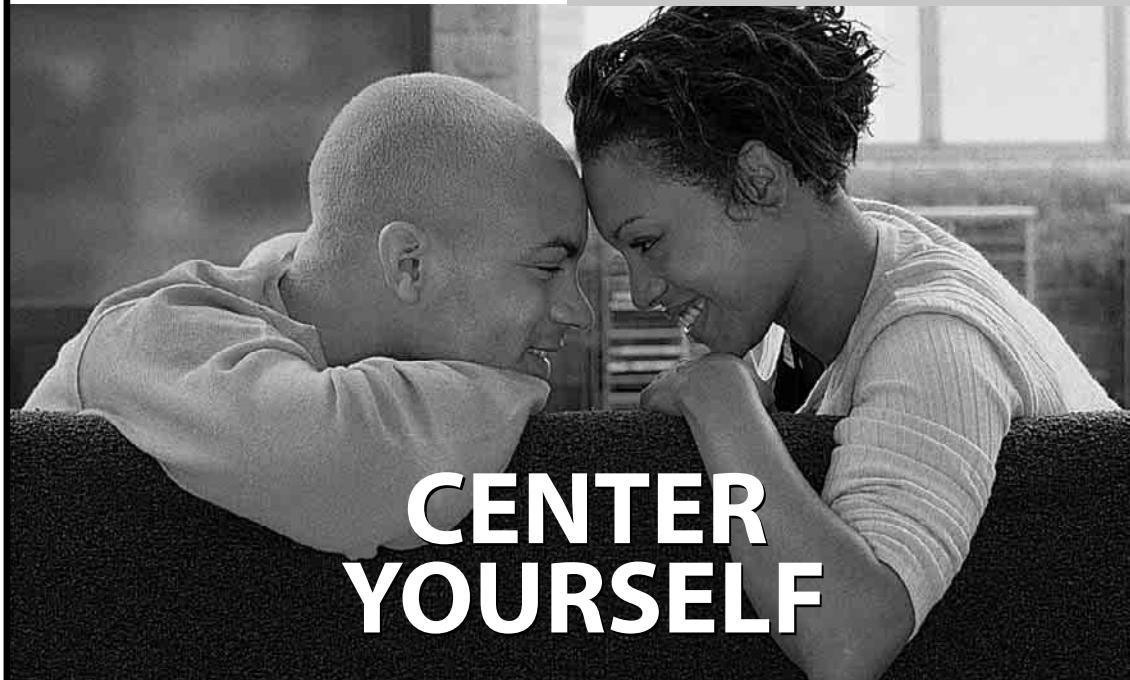
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TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13, 105 minutes) Will Ferrell's NASCAR sendup doesn't do much more than go for the quick guffaw, frequently from stereotypical red-neck jokes. (TW)

THIS FILM IS NOT YET RATED (Unrated, 97 minutes) This film is about movie ratings and the often frustrating and ridiculous process whereby the Motion Picture Association of America warns American parents of films that may have too much sex, profanity or violence for the little ones. That power gives the MPAA extraordinary sway over how films will be distributed, how much money they can make and, ultimately, their impact on the culture. It is, argues filmmaker Kirby Dick, de facto censorship. For a film with this much argument in it, it's remarkably entertaining. To break the wall of secrecy, Dick hires a cheerful, efficient private investigator who manages to uncover the names of the anonymous raters. This gives the film a goofy narrative thread, and his use of cartoonlike graphics to skewer the MPAA's pompous silence yields more absurdity. PHILIP KENNICOTT

WICKER MAN (PG-13, 115 minutes) Directed by Neil LaBute from a far better 1973 original about a pre-Christian agricultural cult that secretly practices ritual sacrifice. It's remarkable that a movie as truly, deeply, madly foolish as this escaped the asylum. (SH)

STEP UP (PG-13, 98 minutes) Tyler (Channing Tatum) and Nora (Jenna Dewan) are romantically pre-locked and loaded for each other. They collide when Tyler, forced to perform community service at the Maryland School of the Arts after he trashes its auditorium, catches Nora's eye as she prepares for her school's annual showcase. Do we get the picture? (DT)

 REVIEWS BY THE WASHINGTON POST'S ANN HORNADAY, STEPHEN HUNTER, DESSON THOMSON AND TERESA WILTZ FOR MORE CAPSULES AND FULL REVIEWS OF THESE AND OTHER FILMS, SEE THE WASHINGTON POST WEEKEND SECTION.

YET 'DEADWOOD' IS GONE: Comedy Central has given David Spade a break and renewed "The Showbiz Show With David Spade." This will be the third season for this alleged "show," which no one has either seen or heard of, as far as we can tell.



Television

Vengeance Is Dexter's

A new Showtime series explores the mind of a serial killer

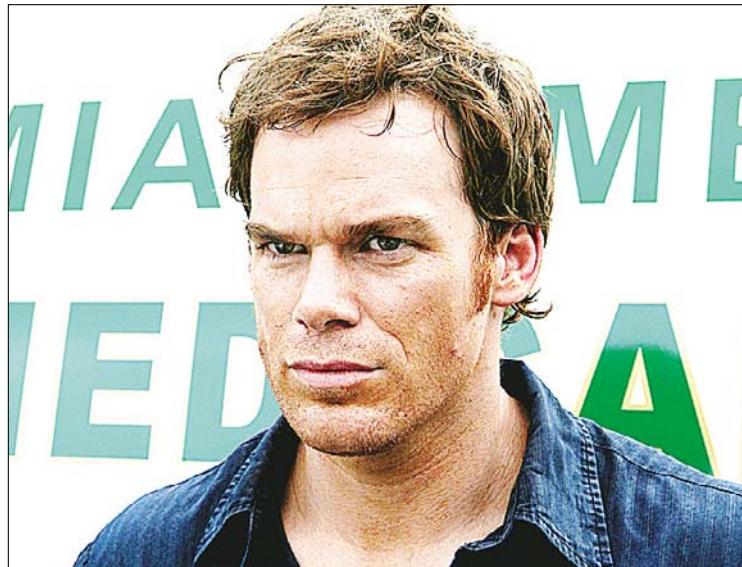
DEBUT | As the lead in the new Showtime series "Dexter," Michael C. Hall has devoted many hours to trying to understand his character, Dexter Morgan, a self-acknowledged sociopath who by day works as a forensic pathologist and by night sets out to vivisect and eventually kill those who have it coming.

"He claims to be without certain fundamental human traits," Hall said recently during a shooting break on an interior set of a police station at the Sunset Gower Studios. "He imagines himself as

faking every human interaction. And yet there's something about him within the context of this world that's as human as anyone else."

A daring, macabre take on the traditional crime show, the series, debuting on Sunday, is Showtime's latest effort to find a breakout hit that might help close the subscriber gap with HBO. The past few years, Showtime's original series — "Sleeper Cell," "Weeds," "Huff" and "Brotherhood" — have generated critical praise but have failed to produce substantial ratings.

The pilot, set in Miami, uses key elements of Jeff Lindsay's 2004 novel, "Darkly Dreaming Dexter," about a boy with a past so harrowing he can't remember it but which has



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left its psychological mark. Harry, his adoptive father, is a police officer who teaches Dexter to accept and use his murderous impulses for the public good.

As the grown-up Dexter pursues his gruesome "projects," another serial killer with a similar style challenges the police unit where Dexter works as a blood spatter expert.

Caring about other people as much as lawn furniture, he has had to teach himself to be charming to get along in the world. He has read profiles of serial killers and skillfully avoids displaying those characteristics. But now and then, he can't help but make comic mistakes.

"He's obviously a very cunning and capable guy, but in certain instances there's an innocence about him that is potentially funny, potentially endearing," Hall said. "Would that we all took such responsibility for our shadow sides."

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AMC HOFFMANN CENTER 22

Eisenhower Ave and Telegraph Road in Alexandria
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JACKASS: NUMBER TWO (R) ✓ (11:00 @ \$5), 12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 4:05, 5:05, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:05, 11:25, 12:25
THE GUARDIAN (PG13) ✓ (10:30 @ \$5), 12:30, 1:35, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:35
OPEN SEASON (PG) ✓ (10:35, 11:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:35, 6:30, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45
SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS (PG13) ✓ (11:15 @ \$5), 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15, 11:45
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FLYBOYS (PG13) ✓ (10:35, 11:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:40, 5:40, 6:50, 7:50, 9:05, 10:00, 11:10
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EVERYONE'S HERO (G) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:10, 1:30, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) (11:20 @ \$5), 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:20
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THE COVENANT (PG13) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55, 12:20
CRANK (R) (11:55 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40, 12:10
INVINCIBLE (PG) (10:40 @ \$5), 12:00, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:45
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) (10:40 @ \$5), 12:50, 3:05, 5:25
EVIL ALIENS (NR-NOT RATED) ✓ (11:45 PM)

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HOLLYWOODLAND (R) (11:25 @ \$5), 2:20, 5:30, 8:35
THE PROTECTOR (R) 10:25 PM, 12:30 AM
THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) (11:35 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
IDLEWILD (R) 11:35 PM
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) (11:10 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:10

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road

703-971-3991

JACKASS: NUMBER TWO (R) ✓ (1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30)
THE GUARDIAN (PG13) ✓ (1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10)
OPEN SEASON (PG) ✓ (12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45)
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FLYBOYS (PG13) ✓ (1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10)
JET LI'S FEARLESS (PG13) ✓ (1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00)
THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) 7:00, 9:50
EVERYONE'S HERO (G) (12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40)
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) (1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15)
THE COVENANT (PG13) (1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:00)
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 1:15, 4:15

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin

202-537-9553

OPEN SEASON (PG) ✓ (2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20)
SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS (PG13) ✓ (3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:30)
ALL THE KING'S MEN (PG13) ✓ (1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50)
FLYBOYS (PG13) ✓ (1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15)
THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) 4:25, 10:00
THE LAST KISS (R) 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:30

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HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 1:40, 7:00

HALF NELSON (R) ✓ 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

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GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) (1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15)

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THE LAST KISS (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:40

HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30

THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 1:45, 4:10, 10:35

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
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THE GUARDIAN (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

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THE GUARDIAN (PG13) (12:30, 3:50, 7:00, 10:15)
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BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 5:20

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THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) (11:20 @ \$5), 1:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:45
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) (11:50 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25

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LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike

703-506-9857 802
EVERYONE'S HERO (G) (12:45, 3:15, 5:15, 7:25)
THE COVENANT (PG13) 9:30 PM
INVINCIBLE (PG) (1:30, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15)
STEP UP (PG13) 12:40, 7:30
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 4:30, 9:55
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 4:10, 9:50

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HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00
THE PROTECTOR (R) 1:45, 8:00
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) 7:20, 9:40
MAXX (NR-NOT RATED) 12:30, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45

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Television



BUT, YOUR SHOW SUCKS: Charlie Sheen is in negotiations that may eventually make him the highest-paid actor in a TV comedy. He's looking at about \$350,000 for each episode of — wait for it — CBS' "Two and a Half Men." We know!

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

MANIFEST DESTINY

Boxer Oscar de la Hoya hosts **THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR** (Fri., 8 p.m., History). Combining interviews, archival illustrations and dramatic re-creations, "War" offers a detailed and often surprising account of the bloody conflict, in which more than 30 percent of American forces died.

ANTHROPOMORPHIC TV

The desert docudrama **MEERKAT MANOR** (Fri., 8 p.m., Animal Planet) returns for a second season with back-to-back life-and-death sagas. In the opener, Shakespeare remains missing and is presumed to have died during the attack by the rival Lazuli gang. In the second, Flower's new pups go on their very first foraging expedition, only to encounter

hostile rivals.

CATERING TO THE AUDIENCE

Caterer, chef, cookbook author and feisty Southern charmer Paula Deen takes on primetime with **PAULA'S PARTY** (Fri., 10 p.m., Food). Deen entertains a studio with recipes and anecdotes about her life and loves on this weekly series, debuting tonight with a look at dishes that put folks in the



TAKE NOTES: Sec. Rumsfeld is known for zen-like sayings and much more.

MARSHALL J. COHEN

mood for love. Or, as Deen puts it, food that makes you "romantical."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Fishermen angle to find out where they're biting on **OFF THE HOOK** (Fri., 10 p.m., Versus). Versus is the new name of OLN, previously known as the Outdoor Life Network.

YOU WORK WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE YOU HAVE

Correspondent Frank Sesno hosts "Rumsfeld: Man of War" on **CNN PRESENTS** (Sat., 8 p.m., CNN). The documentary follows Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld during a day's work at the Pentagon. Sesno also sits down with Rumsfeld and colleagues for conversations about his leadership and management style. While Rumsfeld has given countless press conferences, CNN is promoting this as a rare one-on-one interview.

MMM, UNDERWEAR MODELS

What's it like to design catalogs for the world's biggest department store? On **UNWRAPPING MACY'S** (Sat., 10 p.m., WE), we watch creative directors choose underwear models and then travel to a beach and take pictures of them in the sand. It's not as captivating as it sounds.

CULT CHOICE

A deposed commander (Russell Crowe) uses the entertainment arena to challenge his regime's decadent and incompetent leadership in the 2000 historical drama **GLADIATOR** (Sun., 8 p.m., TNT).

TV TAKES YOU PLACES

Filled with gorgeous images, **DISCOVERY ATLAS** (Sun., 9 p.m., Discovery) offers hour-long profiles of the world's countries and cultures. "Atlas" kicks off with "China Revealed," contrasting that nation's energetic march toward modernization and economic supremacy with



MY FRIENDS CALL ME MAX: Crowe in the multi-Oscar-winning "Gladiator."

its ancient traditions. Future installments will cover Italy (Oct. 8), Brazil (Oct. 15) and Australia (Oct. 22). If you've been looking for something to watch on your fancy new HDTV setup, don't miss "Atlas." It is consistently, breathtakingly beautiful. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

9.29.06		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
LOCAL CHANNELS		WRC (4) News (cc)	Nightly News	Redskins Report	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) (1) (cc)	Dateline NBC "To Catch a Predator"	Law & Order "Avatar" (N) (1) (cc)	News (cc)		News (cc)		Tonight Show		
	WTTG (5) Every-Raymond	The Simpsons (1)	The Simpsons (1)	Seinfeld (1) (cc)	Justice "Pilot" (1) (cc)	Celebrity Duets The winner. (cc)	News		News		Geraldo at Large			
	WJLA (7) News (cc)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "I Am a Tree" (cc)	Men in Trees Rumors that Marin died. (20/20) (cc)			News (cc)		(3:35) Nightline			
	WUSA (9) News (cc)	Evening News	9News Tonight	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N) (cc)	Close to Home "A House Divided" (N)	NUMB3RS "Two Daughters" (iTV) (N)	News (cc)		News (cc)		Late Show		
	WDCA (20) Divorce Court (N)	Divorce Court (N)	MLB Baseball	New York Mets at Washington Nationals. From RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. (Live)			Desire Louis is introspective. (N) (1)					Fashion House "William's Story" (N)		
	WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) (cc)	State Circle	Masterpiece Theatre "Foyle's War" (cc) (DVS)					Sierra Center Stage (1) (cc)		
	WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N) (cc)	AIR: America's	American Masters (1) (cc)				Charlie Rose (N)		
	WHUT (32) White House	Tavis Smiley (1)	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives (1) (cc)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (cc)				
	WDCW (50) My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (1) (cc)			Friends (1) (cc)	Friends (1) (cc)	Friends (1) (cc)		Sex and the City	Sex and the City	
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files (cc)	CSI: Miami "Vengeance" (1) (cc)	CSI: Miami "Big Brother" (1) (cc)	CSI: Miami "Bait" (1) (cc)	CSI: Miami "Extreme" (1) (cc)					MI-5 "Divided They Fall" (N) (cc)			
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter (cc)	Little Zoo That Could (cc)	Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	World's Ugliest Dog Competition (N)	Animal Precinct "Against the Odds"					Little Zoo That Could (cc)		
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10. (N) (cc)	Hotwyred (N)	★ ★ "Next Friday" (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. Premiere. (cc)	★ ★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994) John Travolta. Criminals cross paths in three interlocked tales of mayhem. (cc)	Top 25: Money, Power, Respect (N)	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx						
	Bravo	The 100 Greatest TV Characters	Battlestar Galactica (1) (cc)	Scrubz (1) (cc)	Scrubz (1) (cc)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park (cc)	South Park (cc)	★ ★ "Dogma" (1999, Comedy) Ben Affleck. (cc)		★ ★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994) (cc)	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Sorority Boys" (2002) (cc)	Scrubz (1) (cc)	Scrubz (1) (cc)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park (cc)	South Park (cc)	South Park (cc)	★ ★ "Dogma" (1999, Comedy) Ben Affleck. (cc)			
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops (1) (cc)	Cops (1) (cc)	Disorder in the Court (N)	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief "Diamond Dealer"	Dirty Jobs (cc)	Going Tribal "Return to Africa" (cc)	Going Tribal (cc)	Going Tribal "Crocodile Hunting"	Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies						
	DISCH	Code Blue "Rite of Passage" (cc)	Impact: Stories of Survival (cc)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (cc)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)	Skeleton Stories Decomposing body.	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (cc)						
	Disney	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001) Ryan Merriman, Alexis Lopez. (1) (cc)	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	E! News	That's So Raven		
	E!	Simple Life	Simple Life	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Confessions of Celebrity Assistants	Girl Next Door	Dating Show	The Soup (N)	The Soup (N)	E! News	The Daily 10		
	FX	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Shari Noble"			
	HGTV	If Walls Could	Offbeat America	What You Get	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Design Remix	Under 1 Roof (N)	Save Us-House	House Hunters	House Hunters	Want Tech Toy	I Want That!	
	Family	7th Heaven "Mi Familia" (cc)	Ugly Betty "Pilot" (1) (cc)	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (cc)		
	History	Shootout! "D-Day: Fallujah" (cc)	Modern Marvels: Bullets (cc)	The Mexican-American War	Mexico and the United States go to war in 1846.							Mail Call (cc)	Mail Call (cc)	
	Lifetime	Reba (1)	Reba (1) (cc)	"Too Young to Be a Dad" (2002) Kathy Baker, Bruce Davison. (cc) (DVS)	★ ★ "Gracie's Choice" (2004, Docudrama) Anne Heche, Diane Ladd. (cc)							Will & Grace (1)	Will & Grace (1)	
	MTV	Little Talent	Next (1)	Next (1)	Life & Rhymes	Wild 'n Out (1)	Wild 'n Out (1)	Wild 'n Out (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Killers Live Leak	Name Is Ti3s		
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	SCI FI	Night Stalker "The Source" (1) (cc)	Heroes "Pilot" (1) (cc)	Doctor Who "Christmas Invasion" (Season Premiere) (N)	Doctor Who "New Earth" (N) (cc)	Doctor Who "Christmas Invasion" (1) (cc)								
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos (cc)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	Boston PD "To Protect and Serve" (1)	Boston PD "Strength and Honor" (N)							
	TBS	Seinfeld (1) (cc)	Seinfeld (1) (cc)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (cc)	Friends (cc)	★ ★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes. (cc)						
	TLC	While You Were Out (cc)	Dinner Takes All	Dinner Takes All	Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Thomasita"	What Not to Wear: \$50,000 Wardrobe						
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	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (cc)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Want"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Monk "Mr. Monk, Private Eye" (cc)	Monk	A firefighter's murder. (cc)							
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (cc)	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (cc)											
	ESPN2	(5:00) The Contender	Interruption	Tyson's Hits	College Football Rutgers at South Florida. (Live) (cc)							Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith		
	CSN	Baseball Report	SportsNite (cc)	MLB Baseball	Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live)							Ralph Friedgen	Final Score	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (cc)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now (cc)	Larry King Live	Laura Schlessinger.	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)							
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	MSNBC	Tucker	Hardball (cc)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary	MSNBC Documentary						
MOTES	AMC	(5:30) ★★ "Jaws 2" (1978, Horror) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary. "PG" (cc)	★★ "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (1951) Michael Rennie. "G" (cc)	★★ "The Racket" (1951) Robert Mitchum. "NR" (cc)	★★ "The Defiant Ones" (1958) Tony Curtis. "NR"	(45) ★★ "Not as a Stranger" (1955, Drama) Olivia de Havilland, Robert Mitchum. "NR"	★ "Poltergeist III" (1988, Horror) Tom Skerritt, Nancy Allen. "PG-13"							
	TCM	Company She	★★ "The Racket" (1951) Robert Mitchum. "NR" (cc)	★★ "The Defiant Ones" (1958) Tony Curtis. "NR"	★★ "The Wire" "Boys of Summer" (cc)	The Wire "Soft Eyes" (1) (cc)	The Wire "Home Room" (1) (cc)	Real Time (1) (cc)						
	HBO	(5:30) ★★ "Paparazzi" (2004) (cc)	Inside the NFL (1) (cc)	The Wire "Boys of Summer" (cc)	The Wire "Soft Eyes" (1) (cc)	The Wire "Home Room" (1) (cc)	Real Time (1) (cc)							
	MAX	(4:40) Deep Cover	★★ "The Perfect Man" (2005) Hilary Duff. (1) "PG-13" (cc)	(15) ★★ "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) Johnny Knoxville. (1) "PG-13" (cc)	Weeds (iTV) (1)	Weeds (iTV) (1)	Corrales vs. Casamayor I & II (iTV)	Real Time (1) (cc)						
	SHOW	Dangerous Minds	(45) ★★★ "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Rob Brown. iTV. (1) "PG-13" (cc)	(Weeds (iTV) (1)	Weeds (iTV) (1)	Weeds (iTV) (1)	Corrales vs. Casamayor I & II (iTV)	Real Time (1) (cc)						
	TMC	Danny Deckchair	(45) ★★ "Chopping Mall" (1986) Kelli Maroney. "R"	★★ "Cliffhanger" (1993, Action) Sylvester Stallone. (1) "R" (cc)	"3-Way" (2004, Suspense) Gina Gershon. (1) "R" (cc)	"3-Way" (2004, Suspense) Gina Gershon. (1) "R" (cc)	"3-Way" (2004, Suspense) Gina Gershon. (1) "R" (cc)	Brotherhood (iTV)						
	STARZ!	(5:00) ★★★ "Man on the Moon" (R)	(45) ★★ "An Unfinished Life" (2005) Robert Redford. (1) "PG-13" (cc)	★★ "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" (2005) Tilda Swinton. (1) "R" (cc)	"3-Way" (2004, Suspense) Gina Gershon. (1) "R" (cc)	"3-Way" (2004, Suspense) Gina Gershon. (1) "R" (cc)	"3-Way" (2004, Suspense) Gina Gershon. (1) "R" (cc)	Brotherhood (iTV)						
	ENCORE	(5:00) Jury Duty	★★ "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" (2004) (1) "R"	★★ "Judge Dredd" (1995) Sylvester Stallone. "R" (cc)	★★ "The Devil's Advocate" (1997, Suspense) Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino. (1) "R" (cc)	★★ "The Devil's Advocate" (1997, Suspense) Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino. (1) "R" (cc)	★★ "The Devil's Advocate" (1997, Suspense) Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino. (1) "R" (cc)	Brotherhood (iTV)						

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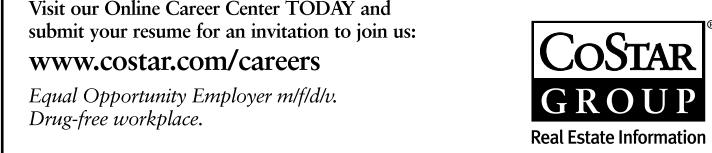
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Airwaves

Radio pirate sets up stations and helps others do the same

To Stephen Dunifer, it was yet another revolutionary moment. But to the untrained eye, it looked more like a geek fest.

Over four days, a dozen men and women shyly bumped shoulders as they studied schematics and tinkered with romex connectors, resistors, microphone cords, meters, sockets and capacitors — the stuff of illegal radio stations.

In the corner of this cluttered electronics lab, hunched over a computer, sat Dunifer, their teacher, "the patron saint of pirate radio." Part rock star, part Johnny Appleseed and fully the bane of the Federal Communications Commission, Dunifer has long, gray hair, large, clear glasses and a deep commitment to what he calls "Free Radio."

"We're not stealing anything. We're claiming something that's rightfully ours," he says.

His goal is to create FM radio stations faster than the FCC can shut them down.

It's always been our position that if enough people go on the air with their stations, the FCC will be unable to respond."

STEPHEN DUNIFER
RADIO PIRATE

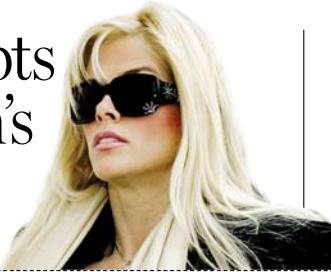
"It's always been our position that if enough people go on the air with their stations, the FCC will be overwhelmed and unable to respond," he says.

Pirate radio is radio without a license, radio without government regulations. It's "America the criminal" at midnight on Human Rights Radio in Springfield, Ill., and pre-dawn erotica on Freak Radio in Santa Cruz, Calif. It's an inordinate amount of Frank Zappa at WFZR (a station dedicated to playing his music) in West End, Pa., and the "Voice of the American Patriot" ("no support for liberals disguised as wannabe Conservatives") at NLNR in Butte, Mont.

At Dunifer's Radio Camp, students are warned about the FCC and taught how to evade the enforcement agents. At the end of four

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PUMP UP THE VOLUME: Stephen Dunifer shows students at his pirate radio camp how to set up unlicensed stations.

Pirates on the Waves

intense days, they walked out holding their own, hand-built, ready-to-use FM radio transmitter, a shiny box slightly larger than a brick.

Their reasons for wanting their own station were equally diverse: a neat, middle-aged woman from Mexico, accompanied by a transla-

tor, said she wanted to bring news and political information to her community; two young men from Tucson said they wanted to start a new pirate station to replace several that have been shut down.

No one is sorrier to hear about these Radio Camp graduates than Dennis Wharton, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, who described Dunifer as "the patron saint of pirate radio." And he didn't mean it as praise.

He said his members, push the FCC to enforce the rules against pirate operators.

"It's like whack a mole," he said. "You knock it out in one place and it pops up somewhere else."

MARTHA MENDOZA (AP)



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Borat's March on 16th St. NW

LIVE EVENTS | Ahh, marketing ploys. They sure can be fun. Especially when Sacha Baron Cohen is involved.

His new movie, "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" — starring, of course, his uber-awkward oversexed Kazakh travel reporter alter ego — just so happens to be nearing its release in theaters; you can imagine our unabashed glee to hear he was holding a press conference Thursday, presumably to talk about Kazakhstan something-or-other. Coincidentally, Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev is in Washington for an official visit with President Bush.

Throwing the next elbow jab in his ongoing feud with Kazakh officials — who, to save national face, have done everything from taking out four-page ads in the New York Times to releasing a pro-Kazakhstan film in the United States — Borat took the podium outside the Kazakh Embassy on 16th Street Northwest, where security officials quickly descended, closing the entrance gate and removing the U.S. and Kazakhstan flags that he set up behind him on embassy property. Said security officials then hung around to make sure no one else intruded. Also, they were laughing.

In character, Borat gave a fiery condemnation of Kazakhstan's



FAKE, BUT REAL: Borat addressed the world yesterday on 16th Street NW.

public information officer — who has kept up the task of trying, for months now, to discredit the obviously false things Borat says about Kazakhstan — divulging damning allegations that he is a spy from neighboring Uzbekistan, a nation which, coincidentally, Borat didn't have many kind things to say about

either. Borat announced that he was going to the White House to invite "Premier George Walter Bush" to see a special screening of his new movie today at a suburban movie theater.

Refusing to take questions from the press gathered there, Borat then took off down 16th Street for the White House, snarling traffic as pedestrians stopped to stare, wave, shout out of their car windows, whatever, while poor journalists-of-record ran to keep up with his trademark hands-at-sides, long-stride rapid shuffle. Reporters asking questions along the way got to know Borat intimately — not because he answered their queries, but because he kissed them, or awkwardly tried to, on the cheek.

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

→ Coming Up Today

Ever heard of Konterra Town Center? You might be able to take the Green Line there someday if a plan to extend Metrorail ever becomes reality.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should the U.S. be allowed to torture terror suspects?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld resign?

YES

NO

51%

49%

As of 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Not a scientific poll

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRORAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP



"I think it's interesting ... that he mentions Laura and Barney. ... [T]hat means Mrs. Beasley doesn't see snout-to-snout with him either."

BLOG.ALTHIPPO.COM SNICKERS AT A PREVIEW OF COMMENTS MADE BY THE WASHINGTON POST'S BOB WOODWARD ON AN UPCOMING "60 MINUTES" INTERVIEW. WOODWARD SAYS THAT PRESIDENT BUSH SAID HE'LL STAY THE COURSE IN IRAQ EVEN IF HIS ONLY SUPPORT IS FROM THE FIRST LADY AND THEIR DOG.



Robinson's Departure

"But let's hope that now that the decision has been at least leaked that the Lerners, Bowden and Kasten do the right thing this weekend and give Frank the goodbye to baseball that he's never had. ... Frank deserves to have a proper retirement ceremony."

CAPSUT.BLOGSPOT.COM REMARKS ON THE ALLEGED UPCOMING DEPARTURE OF NATS MANAGER AND HALL OF FAMER FRANK ROBINSON. REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THAT HIS CONTRACT WILL NOT BE RENEWED.

A True Character

"Sadly, the Nationals suck more than a Dyson vacuum cleaner, but I'm not sure it's all Frank's fault. He's a character. He's a muse. He's brilliant and he's daft."

DC.METBLOGS.COM ON ROBINSON.



Great Disappointment

"Even an amendment to allow prisoners of this country — those who probably were kidnapped out of their homes in the dark of night ... many of whom are completely innocent of anything — to challenge their detentions in federal court ... was just defeated in the United States Senate."

KSTREETBLUES.BLOGSPOT.COM IS LIVID AFTER THURSDAY'S 51-48 DETAINEE BILL VOTE.

Broken Bowls, Plates Coming Soon

"I didn't even know there was one, but a feud between Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera is reportedly over. Christina bought a \$570 gift bag for Britney's new son, Sutton Pierce, which includes a hooded towel, overalls, slippers and a crockery set."

THESUPERFICIAL.COM RELAYS GOSSIP CHATTER ABOUT THE TWO, BUT DOES NOT EXPLAIN WHY A BABY NEEDS A CROCKERY SET.

Live Online

Sydney Pollack

Director **SYDNEY POLLACK** was online Thursday at washingtonpost.com to discuss his PBS American Masters film, "Sketches of Frank Gehry," and other movies he's made.

As a result of making the Frank Gehry documentary, what surprises



you about the architectural profession?

The part that surprised me with Frank was how the computer had become integrated into the design process, enabling him really to make any shape he could dream of.

How did directing this film compare with the others you've directed?

It was completely different than any other experience I've had directing. When you work without a script, you are, in a sense, working in a much more improvisational way than when you are prepared totally. I found the experience very liberating and wish I could find a way to

bring some of those techniques into the making of fiction films.

"Tootsie" is one of my all-time favorite movies. It ran on cable a few weeks ago and several friends and I kicked up our heels and had a great time watching it. How does it feel to make a movie and know that 20-plus years later that same movie is still entertaining the masses?

Obviously, it's a good feeling to know that something you've done has lasted. Making films is much more difficult than people imagine, and so the experience of actually directing them is not one I've ever relished. But I love having made a film and watching it when it affects audiences in a positive way.

In your stints as an actor, do you ever feel the temptation to offer advice to whomever is directing?

The impulse — yes. The temptation — never.

Who are your favorite directors?

I'm a huge fan of Kristof Kieslowski. My early favorites were directors like Kazan and any of the new-wave directors — Truffaut, Bergman, Kurasawa.

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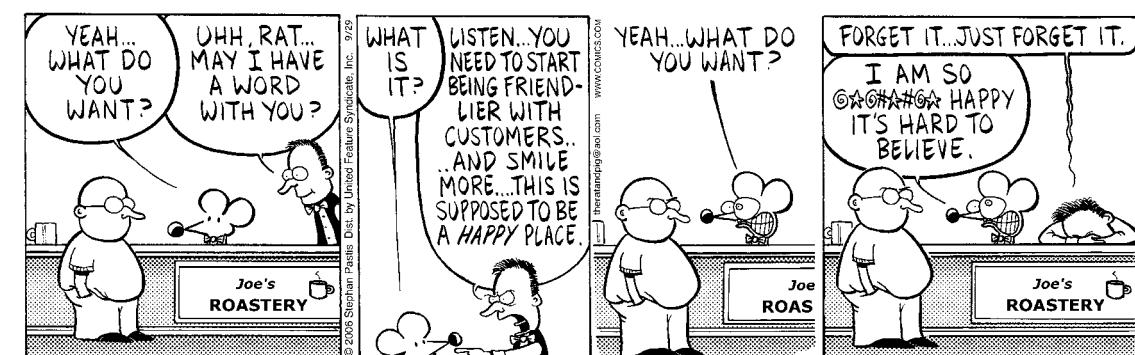
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TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Washington Post film critic Desson Thomson discusses the latest movie offerings at 12:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

LOOK out

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"Number 3. Ask him if he'd be willing to go out with me."

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're one of the few people who can understand exactly what's going on in and around the workplace—but is that an advantage?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take care you're not giving those in authority a reason to limit your responsibilities. Do what you're told—and do it as well as you can!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It's essential you make a fine first impression—you may not get a second chance, given the importance of what's going on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not have much extra time, but you're going to have to get a bit of business done that is outside your main area of concern at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A surprise turn of events must not be allowed to derail your plans at this time. With a few minor adjustments, you can surely keep things on track.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You must decide for yourself what it is you real-

ly want—and not just what you think you want. Get to the heart of the matter; dig deep!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can expect something unusual to come upon you—either in fact or in feeling. You'll have some adjustments to make as a result.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be sure to take seriously all the offers and agreements that are made. The things you overlook may come back to haunt you later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You've been planning something for some time—and you may make a key decision that will affect the final outcome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll be able to make some choices that others will approve of in theory—but in practice they may have some adjustments to make.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Personal information may have to be shared—both ways—before you can do the things you've planned and achieve a primary goal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your plans may change with surprising suddenness—at least two or three times! You must work hard to keep up with the winds of change.

Letters

A Saddam Show Trial

LAST WEEK, THE IRAQI court trying deposed dictator Saddam Hussein fired the chief judge, who was considered "too soft" on Saddam. Nor is this the first time the court has

fired one of Saddam's judges for being "too soft" on Saddam. How many judges have to be fired before it is apparent to everyone—here and abroad—that this is just a show trial and the new Iraqi regime installed pursuant to our invasion is a puppet government?

—DINO DRUDI
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1829 London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, goes on duty.

1938 British, French, German and Italian leaders sign the Munich Agreement, which is aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

1978 Pope John Paul I is found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.



The space shuttle Discovery lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., in 1988.

1988 The space shuttle Discovery blasts off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., marking America's return to manned spaceflight following the Challenger disaster.

LOOK out

People



"It's crazy to weigh more than 110 lbs.!"

KNEE-SLAPPERS

It's Hilarious When Skinny Women Are Called Fat! Ha!

AMANDA PEET and screenwriter David Benioff are expecting a baby and will marry this weekend. Peet, 34, told David Letterman on CBS' "Late Show" on Wednesday that she's four months' pregnant, earning her the nickname "Fatty" on the "Studio 60" set. "I think it's really funny," she explained. (AP)

LOST TALENT

He Could Have Been Justin Timberlake! Or Not.



JEFF TIMMONS of 1990s boy band 98 Degrees pleaded no contest to charges of reckless driving and refusing to sign a citation and was sentenced to a year of probation. Lawyers entered the no-contest plea Wednesday. (AP)



ANSWERS

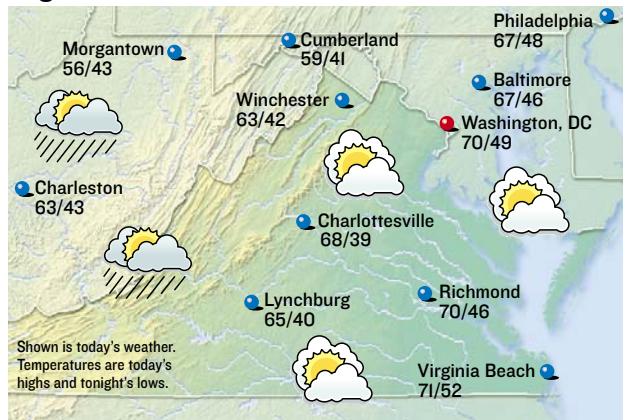
Some Closure

ANNA NICOLE SMITH believes a pathologist's conclusion that her son died from an accidental lethal combination of drugs shows he didn't commit suicide and hopes others will learn from the tragedy. An American examiner hired by the family, Cyril Wecht, said Daniel Smith had methadone and two antidepressants in his system. Low levels of the three drugs caused his death. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny, breezy, cooler 70°	Mostly clear, cool 49°	Partly sunny, pleasant 72° / 57°	Variably cloudy, showers 72° / 55°	Mostly sunny 76° / 58°	Mostly sunny, warm 78° / 61°

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, cooler. High 70. Wind northwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, cool. Low 49.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:54 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:10 p.m.
Moonset today	10:59 p.m.

	First	Full	Last	New
Sept 30				
Oct 6				
Oct 13				
Oct 22				

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

BOUNTY

Only Tyra's Vigilante Justice Can Bring Naomi To Ground

Supermodel NAOMI CAMPBELL, accused of assaulting her maid with a cell phone, failed to show up in court Wednesday, puzzling the judge, who asked for but never got a reason for her absence. The Manhattan



Naomi eludes the law once again.

Criminal Court judge responded by issuing a bench warrant for Campbell's arrest, then decided not to put it into effect after her attorney said he and the prosecutor had an agreement. Outside court, lawyers said only that Campbell's absence was not work-related. (AP)

FLIPPING

Billy to Reinvest in Logan Circle Lofts, Make Killing

Four years after purchasing a Long Island estate with picturesque views of Oyster Bay Harbor, BILLY JOEL has listed the place for sale with



a prominent real estate firm. Joel, who paid \$22.5 million for the property, is asking \$37.5 million. (AP)

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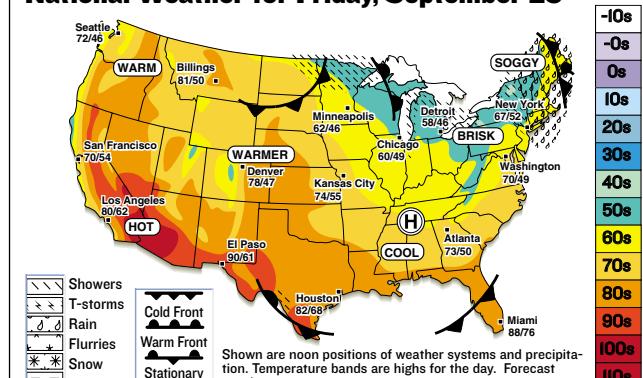
Well, Alaska Is South Of the Arctic Circle ...

JEWEL will host the fifth season of USA's "Nashville Star," a search for the next great country artist. The new season will begin Jan. 11 with Cowboy Troy as co-host. The winner receives a recording contract. "I grew up on a ranch in Alaska, and my favorite memories are of sitting around a campfire with my father and listening to the songs he wrote and sang," Jewel said. (AP)



Jewel's suggestion to change the format to "poetry slam" was ignored.

National Weather for Friday, September 29



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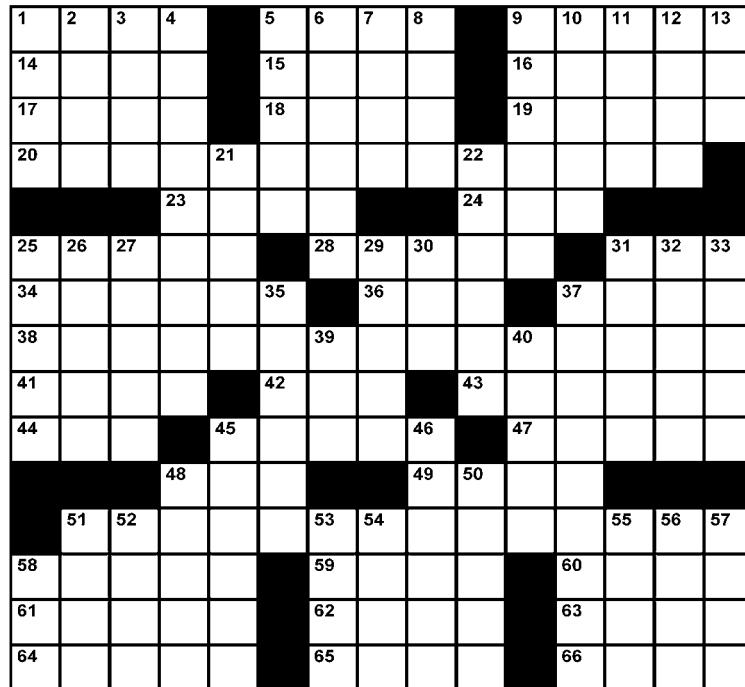
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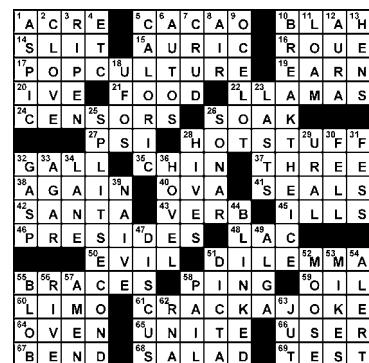
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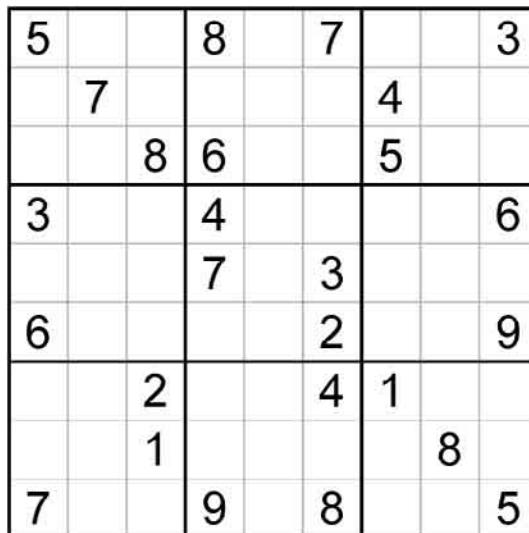
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face time

■ **Behind those** rectangular spectacles, he former "Daily Show" correspondent appears to be an expert on everything, which is why he's been chosen to judge "Iron Chef" and gab on every VH1 show ever produced. He shares his secrets at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue next Thursday (see 6thinthecity.org for info).

Have you, like George Allen, just discovered you're Jewish?

I am. Exactly. It's short for Roccastein. I'm actually Catholic, but I'm excited to be speaking on the eve of the eve of Sukkot, which is one of my favorite holidays.

If you were to discover you were Jewish, how would you celebrate?

Well, because Sukkot is coming up, I would create my own hut. I would immediately erect one — maybe I would give it a corrugated-tin look.

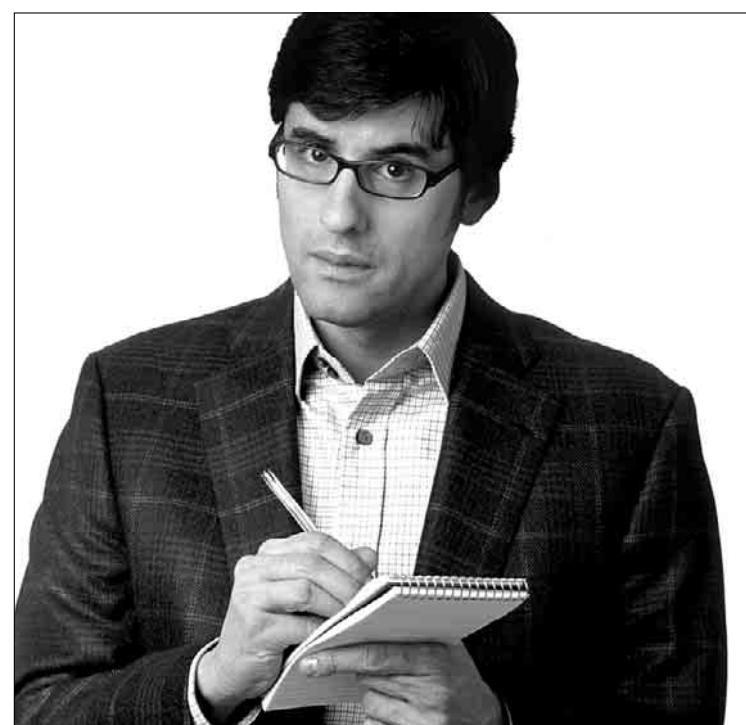
Have you always had such distinctive eyewear?

My early eyewear wasn't doing much for me. I got my first glasses when I was in ninth grade at Georgetown

Prep and they never had any impact. But when I moved to New York, I went to this shop in SoHo and a mysterious Chinese man picked out just one magical pair for me. Usually it's a maddening process where you try on hundreds, but he had this one magical pair. I think he made a pact with the devil to get this power.

I also have an African tie man. He's capable of looking at my outfit and knowing exactly what to pick. The problem with my tie situation right now is that I'm nervous about mixing ties and shirts on my own. I get gripped with fear about making those decisions.

If you did "I Love the '70s" about Bethesda, what would you praise?



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I loved the McDonald's on East-West Highway. They have a playground that's one of my earliest restaurant memories. In the '80s, I loved when the Hyatt went up. It felt very fancy, like my sleepy town was getting cosmopolitan. What I did not love was the Cheesecake Factory. I thought the menu was too long. They're trying too hard. And in the '90s, I loved when Houston's came to Bethesda. I love their prime rib, even though I

know they season it too much, and their artichoke-spinach dip.

So what do you do when you come home, just go to Houston's?

Yes! My mother and I go there and she gets really tense looking for a free parking space, which is never there, and then she hears me flip on the turn signal to go into the Houston's lot and she thinks I'm this New York big spender. But it's

"I'm nervous about mixing ties and shirts on my own. I get gripped with fear."

like the Ivy in L.A. Last time we were there, we saw Wolf Blitzer, and there was this crazy red carpet glamour. She recognized him from CNN and called him "el lobo," the wolf in Spanish, and I think he was very confused.

You seem lured to animal-related projects. Why?

I don't even have a pet.

But what animal would you be?

I wouldn't be a bird. I like penguins. I like how contrasty they are. I would also like to be a kangaroo because I like hopping. They're cute and, yet, their hind legs are so powerful and their nails so sharp that they can disembowel opponents.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

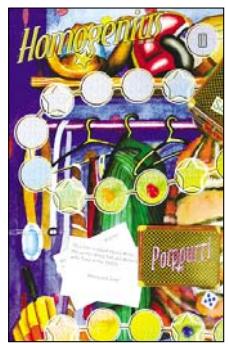


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1 Playing to Get Out

WATCH ENOUGH Bravo and you're sure to rake in the points when playing the new board game Homogenius (\$35, homogeniusthegame.com). In the race to get to "out of the closet," players must answer gay-themed trivia questions, like "Who said, 'Look I'm 40, I'm single and I work in the musical theatre, you do the math'?" and "What was the stage name of Wladziu Valentino?" If you didn't yell out "Nathan Lane and Liberace!" you won't win.



3 It Goes Both Ways

THINGS THAT ARE GOOD DRY are better wet. Except in the case of the new Liquif-Eye Shadow Collection from Too Faced (\$32.50, Sephora). This limited-edition palette has 12 colors ranging from subtle to sexy, and comes with a magic wand that changes them from powder to liquid. In their solid form, the shadows are shimmery and sheer; use the eyeliner-looking applicator to make them deeper, richer and much more rock 'n' roll. One caution: Go from light colors to dark when using the wand, or clean it well. Otherwise, the dark hues mix in and muddy the lighter ones.

Grab Bag

5 Free Rider

LET IT ALL HANG LOOSE with Commando Jeans. These denims have a cotton liner sewn in, thereby eliminating the need for undergarments (newly available in button-fly, \$67, commandojeans.com). Our undies-free tester rated them more comfortable than regular jeans-plus-boxers, because the liner doesn't ride up as much as undershorts tend to. He did point out, however, that the, um, intimate nature of the lining could eliminate the possibility of double-wears. Or sharing your jeans, if that's what you're into.



4 A Soft Landing

FAN-TOTING GEISHAS, spindly coral branches and fit-for-a-marquis damask patterns headline on Thomas Paul's new collection of pillows (\$96 each, pillowsandthrows.com), his first in nearly a year. The cultishly popular designer uses rich hues (crimson, Delft blue) on linen or silk. They'd spiff up a solid-colored sofa or bland bed.

2 Cacaoverhauling!

AS HIGHFALUTIN' CHOCOLATE rose through the ranks from weird drama geek to football captain, the sad folks at Hershey's must have stared at their old-school rectangles wishing they could be cool once more. The key to popularity just required a taste makeover into Cacao Reserve (\$1-\$3.30), a new, all-natural selection of delish bars and drinking cocoa (in "Classic Mayan" and "Mildly Spiced Aztec"). While still noticeably Hershey-esque, there's a premium kick.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBOOKER

I've been noticing a lot of cuffed, pirate-inspired boots this season. Should I buy any? —LAUREN

■ Manolo says, Yo Ho! Yo Ho! The pirate's boot for thee! Apparently, it is that time again, the time for the cyclical return of the pirate fashion, which comes back every few years dragging its puffy shirts, floppy boots and crazy teased hair with it. Yes, these things, they look good on the Johnny Depp, who may best be described as the "master of his own fashion ship," but trust the Manolo, such things will not



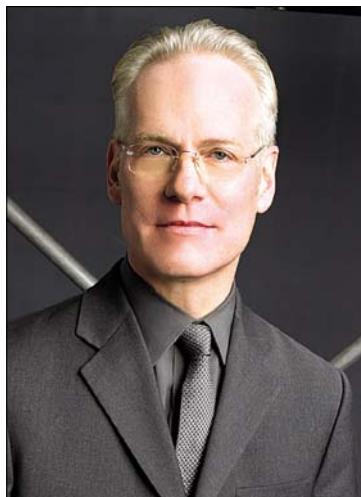
look good on you. Unless, that is, you avoid combining them all at the same time. If you wear the boots, do not wear the buccaneer shirt. If you wear the shirt, do not wear the Deppian mascara. This is the only way in which you can avoid looking exactly like the Adam Ant, circa 1981. And so, with this warning in the mind, the Manolo would still recommend the piratical boots, but only those that are not ridiculous in their swashbuckling exuberance. Thus, he would suggest the ironically named Overthetop from the Stuart Weitzman (\$479, zappos.com), as being the pirate boot that would not cause your co-workers to call you Captain Morgan behind your back.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoebooks.com. Visit the Manolo at shoebooks.com.

ON THE COVER

Express Top Model Jessica's dress is by Bebe (\$138, bebe.com). Photo by Michelle Repiso. Makeup by Lauretta McCoy. Hair by Claibourne Reppert of The Aveda Institute.

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Have Gunn, Will Dress Well

■ Tim Gunn, Chair of Fashion Design at Parsons The New School for Design and the den daddy on Bravo's "Project Runway," chatted on Monday morning at washingtonpost.com.

What trends are you seeing for the guys this fall and winter, other than shade upon shade of gray?

For us guys, the skinny suit is in, but it's not for everyone. Personally, I tried one on, recently, and looked like Pee-wee Herman. Camel is a great "new" color — coats, sweaters, scarves.

In a particularly distressing trend, I have seen many women (and quite a few men) wearing Crocs in public. Is this truly acceptable?

Ohh... May I respond by merely saying, "I hate Crocs. May they please go away."

Do you think it is ever feasible for a man to wear fur? It's so comfortable and warm, but doesn't seem stylish.

Frankly, I think that fur on a man is difficult to pull off. If it's the warmth you're after, then I'd go with a fur-lined coat — it won't show.

I've got to wear a suit to work every day and I try not to look like an android. Any tips?

I understand the "android" question, because I ask myself the same thing. Try some striped shirts, even just a hint of a stripe, if that's an issue. And why not venture out into more tie options? Regarding shoes, I believe that the sleeker the silhouette, the better — no tassels and fringes for me. Shirtsleeves? If you like a French cuff, then try some novelty cuff links. But whatever you do, keep the shirt-sleeves long.



Pair Bonding

Whoever said skin is in must have fallen asleep while reading September's Vogue: The only bare legs you'll find this season are on the Redskins' cheerleaders. From sturdy opaques to filigreed knits, tights will cover the legs and feet of fall's women — especially those who aren't willing to go the leggings route. So stock up on stockings to show off your gorgeous gams without freezing your toes off. ASHLEY JOY PARKER

(4) **Office-appropriate** without being dowdy, plaid looks playful yet modern. When wearing a dark-hued pair, like these from DKNY, don like-colored shoes to elongate legs and look more professional. (\$18, see nordstrom.com for stores. Andrew Stevens ballet flats, \$79) (5) **Crochet knits** show just enough skin to stay mysterious. Wear 'em with boots to keep at least your ankles warm. (\$12, [Urban Outfitters](http://urbanoutfitters.com), see urbanoutfitters.com for stores. Camper boots, \$220) (6) **Keep legs toasty** and safe from the elements with a pair of heavy woolen tights. Stick with casual knits and other cuddly clothing, like sweater dresses, to match. (\$65, [Intermix Shops](http://intermixshops.com) at Georgetown Park, 3222 M St. NW; 202-298-8080. AWOL boots, \$130)



→ **IF THEY DON'T LOOK GOOD**, you don't, either. Elemis' Pro-Collagen Lifting Treatment Neck & Bust firms up decolletage; 10 percent goes to the Lavender Trust. (\$89, select Nordstroms)



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WHAT THE HECK? ►► THINGS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND

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■ Looking for a place to store your tiny copy of the Ten Commandments? Thou shalt go to arkcovenant.com, where for \$35 plus shipping you can obtain your own miniature replica of the Ark of the Covenant. This method is much easier than wandering around in exile for 40 years—and you can get it custom-engraved! Each cherub-topped, gold-plated container is welded to a bronze base, so, alas, your Barbies cannot play a rousing game of "follow the box through the desert." However, your Barbies can store things in the teeny velvet-lined compartment beneath the lid.

The company says the replicas, made according to the description found in the book of Exodus (although much smaller and more portable than the 2.5 cubit by



1.5 cubit by 1.5 cubit original), are popular with churches, Masonic organizations and "Raiders of the Lost Ark" fans. Unfortunately, the face-melting properties depicted in the movie are nowhere to be found; still, it's one thing on our desks that people tend not to grab with impunity. While the decorating possibilities are endless, we'd recommend not putting it in a box in a government warehouse, never to be seen again. K.P.K.

→ **AN ALL-IN-ONE SHAMPOO, BATH** gel and body wash, Philosophy's limited-edition Shower for the Cure has a light tangerine scent. All of the proceeds go to benefit the Women's Cancer Research Fund. (\$20, Sephora)

↓ **BE A BLUSHING BEAUTY** with Lorac's Perfectly Pink blush. The sheer rose color goes on chic, not clownish. Net proceeds go to the National Breast Cancer Coalition Fund. (\$25, Sephora)



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BOOKS

I Love, I Love, I Love

■ For the obscure pop-culture fan in your life (oh, you know you have one. She's the one pirating "Dr. Who" episodes from England), **MEXICAN CALENDAR GIRLS** by Angela Villalba (\$20, Chronicle) is right on that line between cultural and kitschy. Featuring pictures from the 1860s to today, the book goes from early drawings of demure, smiling women carrying fruit baskets and wearing sombreros to more modern pieces, in which they're showing off an entirely different kind of melon. The images are beautiful, if somewhat puzzling at times, such as two paintings of girls preparing to fight bulls in traditional costumes. Except they seem to have forgotten their shirts. K.P.K.

BOOKS

Nothing Newsy

■ Is Stephanie Pierson, author of **MALES, NAILS, SAMPLE SALES** (\$15, Simon & Schuster), an expert on everything? She sure pretends to be

in this cleverly named, yet entirely unneeded tome that promises fashion, hair and entertaining advice, aka, "what your mother, Oprah and Martha never told you." Well, Mom advised this tester to shun Cinnabons to stay thin (Page 135). Oprah said to invest in nice furniture (Page 158). And Martha S. gave her a killer roast chicken recipe (Chapter 5). So save your money for magazines and phone calls home. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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Armed With Reinforcements

■ On the final day of its first session in 1789, Congress created the U.S. military. Of course, troops had been fighting under an American banner since 1775, but what's 14 years of hardship and service when you can finally have official recognition? A mere 217 years later, Congress' Sept. 29 provision provides you with an excuse to party.

Buy supplies at Ranger Surplus (rangersurplus.com, plus five area stores); we suggest GI ponchos (\$37) as decorative swags. For food, Betsy Weiner of the U.S. Army Public Affairs office says you can't go wrong with MREs. "They're actually edible, and highly calorific." Fatten up your guests with a case of 12 (\$96). If you don't use all of them, don't worry. It's not like they'll go bad. And while you could continue the theme by invading your neighbor's house, you could also assemble care packages for our troops overseas. Soldiers love powdered drink mixes, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, socks, DVDs and snack food. (Leave out anything that melts.) Visit america.supportsyou.com for a list of organizations that distribute care packages.

JAMIE PAGE DEATON

event horizon

Vintage book handbags and lamps made of cocktail umbrellas are among the handmade stuff sold at the Crafty Bastards Arts & Crafts Fair. Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Marie Reed Learning Center, 18th Street between California and Kalorama.



PERU-SING THE BAR: "Pisco has a magical effect," gushed Melanie Asher, leaning on the bar in her Bethesda home.

date for pisco sours, Peru's national drink, made with sugar, lime juice and egg white. The grapes' equatorial upbringing makes them sugary enough that they can ferment without additives. "So you can't get a hangover," Asher swore, citing research she and a friend did when they polished off a bottle one evening.

It's Macchu Pisco you'll stumble across the most in Maryland, D.C. and Massachusetts, in liquor stores and behind the bar at restaurants like Cafe Atlantico, Taberna del

PARTY WITH PISCO

→ If you're wary of egg whites, opt for pisco punch instead of a sour; Gallery's uses passion-fruit and triple sec. Or whip up a martini with muddled grapes. Impress Peruvians with an algarrobo (pisco, an egg yolk, cinnamon, carob tree extract). For straight sipping, use Riedel's pisco glass, launched earlier this year; it looks like a champagne flute with a very wide opening.

Alabardero and Seasons. At Gallery in Silver Spring, chef Ward Deal tosses it in with mussels instead of white wine; Bethesda's Rock Creek uses it in mango martinis. (You may see Chilean bottles claiming to contain pisco, but don't be fooled.)

Asher also produces La Diablada (\$38), a fruitier pisco blend made from three types of grape and pressed just once. But if you're looking to sip your pisco straight — as Javier Angeles-Beron, the Peruvian chef at Silver Spring's Ceviche, said is the "real" way to enjoy it — you may want to opt for Asher's Nusta (\$100), which won best in class at the 2005 International Wine and Spirit Competition.

Angeles-Beron will soon be joining Asher's quest to promote the drink with the impending opening of Yaku, an all-Peruvian restaurant on Wilson Boulevard in Arlington, for which he intends a full pisco menu. "I want to teach customers how to drink it straight, and which food goes best with which pisco," he said. Next month, he's flying south to collect new varieties, and he's doing research into how he can produce his own.

If all goes according to plan, expect Washington to look a heck of a lot more like Lima. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Sweet on Pisco

Peruvian booze gets a boost from Bethesda

While her pals were still guzzling juice boxes, Melanie Asher's mouth was watering for booze — in an entrepreneurial way. The Peruvian-born Asher grew up in Bethesda, but when she visited her relatives in Peru, she was fascinated by how they all downed glasses of pisco, a brandy virtually unknown in the U.S. So Asher vowed to change that.

This past January, 20 years after deciding to popularize the potable, Asher introduced her line of three pisco to America. "I've wanted to do this my whole life," proclaimed the 31-year-old, who handles every aspect of production and distribution. She even heads to Peru three times a year to make the stuff herself ("On the Web site, you can see me stamping the grapes") and wheels boxes of it into liquor stores.

Macchu Pisco (\$20), her premium brand, is a single varietal made from the quebranta grape. "This is considered the macho man of grapes. It's very strong and full-bodied," Asher said. And because it's non-aromatic, the resulting 80-proof white spirit is akin to a smooth vodka. This makes it an ideal candi-



Try Macchu Pisco (macchupisco.com), at a tasting at Calvert-Woodley (4339 Conn. Ave. NW, Sat. 12-4 p.m.)

→ La Diablada means "devil's dance," a reference to the balancing act between the three grapes in the blend.



Steals 'n' Stains

Score cheap supplies and clean carpet

Q My girlfriend and I just bought a fixer-upper. We're hoping to do a lot of the work on the kitchen and floors ourselves. But at Best Buy and Home Depot, I was shocked by how much money you have to spend to buy appliances and stuff. What can we do to keep our budget down?

Have you heard of Habitat for Humanity's ReStore? The house-erecting charity runs nonprofit retail stores loaded with new and used building materials, home appliances, furniture and fixtures. The stuff comes from contractors, demolition crews and building stores. Prices are 50 to 75 percent below retail, and all proceeds benefit Habitat.

Two ReStores operate in northern Virginia, one in Alexandria (7770-G Richmond Hwy.; 703-360-6700), the other in Manassas (9506 Center St.; 703-369-6708). Both fill their warehouse-type spaces with kitchen cabinets priced from \$10 to \$75 each. There are lots of appliances too, some brand new. I recently spotted a few sets of double ovens for \$75, a dishwasher for \$25, freestanding ranges for \$100 and full-sized refrigerators for \$200. Sinks and toilets in zillions of colors are \$10 to \$25. It's like the low, low prices touted by one of those Crazy Eddies on TV, except you won't have to deal with any nutso sales dudes.

Other house bargains include windows and doors (some still with stickers on them!), paint and tile and brand-name tools.

In addition to offering great deals and helping Habitat for Humanity, ReStore is reducing our landfills, too. All the materials they accept from homeowners and contractors are essentially recycled back into the building stream. And you get a tax-deductible receipt if you buy something here.



CUT A RUG FOR A CUT RATE: Building supplies from carpet to cabinets go for 50 to 75 percent below retail at Habitat for Humanity's ReStores in the Virginia 'burbs.

decor Diva 

Q Help! I threw a wild party, and now I have wine stains on my grandmother's Oriental carpet and chocolate smudges on my new sofa. What can I do?

If Granny's rug is hand-dyed and valuable and you really dig your divan, I'd suggest calling a pro like Christopher's Inc. (2931 Eskridge Rd., Fairfax; 800-787-5885; christophersinc.net). They specialize in home fabric cleaning, and will either send a stain-fighting hero to your place or clean your carpets or cushions in their workshop. They also sell spray-on stain repellent for upholstery, which you might buy before your next bash.



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Jason Boire, Caitlin Fiedler

Jason, 26, is a software engineer for High Performance Technologies. Caitlin, 24, is a swimming coach for the Potomac Marlins. They live in Alexandria with cats Angel and Midge, above.

■ **The Main Event:** An Oct. 14 celebration in Bloomsburg, Pa., for 100 guests, with the reception held in a barn.

■ **Honeymoon:** A 12-day trip to Hawaii.

■ **How They Met:** While on the swim team at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

■ **How He Proposed:** "I was going to take her out to a romantic restaurant," to celebrate their second anniversary, said Jason. "Unfortunately, it happened to fall on Super Bowl Sunday. There was no way I was going out to eat that night." Instead, he proposed after a romantic dinner at home. "After we ate, he told me he had one more thing for me," said Caitlin. "I was so excited—I thought it was a Cold Stone ice cream cake."

■ **Their Song:** "All I Want is You" by U2.

■ **When He Knew:** "Every day I spent with her was better than the last, and at some point it clicked," said Jason.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "Bloomsburg had a major flood back in June and our reception site is next to a large creek. Even though there was no serious damage, I'm afraid another flood will make it unusable," said Caitlin.

"Instead of dessert, he surprised me with a ring!" said Caitlin.

Malu Jimenez, Carlos Muñoz

Malu and Carlos live in the District.

■ **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony for 40 guests in Washington on Oct. 28.

■ **How They Met:** Carlos was "my family's favorite friend, like a surrogate brother," said Malu. He was ring-bearer at her parents' wedding, so "there was a picture on the living room mantel of my parents leaving the church with Carlos leading the way." After years apart, they met

again at Malu's brother's home.

■ **First Date:** Dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant in Chicago, where Carlos was living at the time.

■ **How He Proposed:** "By invoking my spiritual practice and higher powers, letting her

know that I would respect her answer, whenever that would come," said Carlos. Malu's acceptance came a month later, when she made a traditional Colombian



eggnog drink and a loaf of bread. "By having him break bread, he was accepting my invitation as well as reaffirming his proposal. It was a beautiful moment."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "All of his white underwear," said Malu. "Everything else he wears is full of vibrancy."

■ **When He Knew:** After they got lost and night fell while they were backpacking in the Shenandoah Valley. "We united to overcome the obstacles and fears together. It became a pilgrimage of trust and empowering each other," said Carlos.

■ **Aisle Music:** African drums and an African-American gospel choir, honoring Carlos' African roots.

■ **Making It Unique:** They made their own wedding bands.



Jason Briggs, Sharon Harder

Jason, 37, is a project manager in Sterling, Va. Sharon, 34, is an attorney/project manager in Washington. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal wedding for 180 guests in Columbus, Ohio, on Nov. 11.

■ **How They Met:** Jason's sister Aimee, who was friends with Sharon, set them up on a blind date.

■ **First Impressions:** "We hit it off right away, in a completely unexpected way," said Sharon. "I felt comfortable and at ease with him. And he was cute!"

■ **How He Proposed:** Sharon accompanied Jason on a business trip to France. "Once the work responsibilities wrapped up we flew to Paris and I took her to Sacre Coeur. Overlooking

"The connection was so much deeper than anything I had ever experienced," said Jason.

the city at dawn, I got down on my knee and asked her to marry me," said Jason. "The proposal was romantic, surreal and a memory I treasure dearly," said Sharon. "I was especially touched that Jas had talked to my parents before our trip."

■ **When She Knew:** "I knew early on that we had a great connection and there was something special between us worth pursuing," said Sharon.

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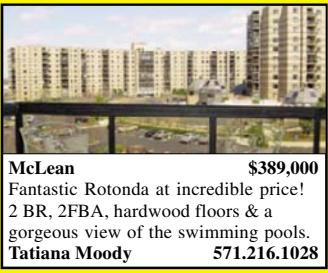
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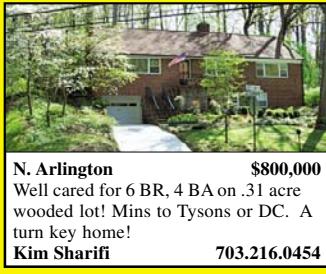
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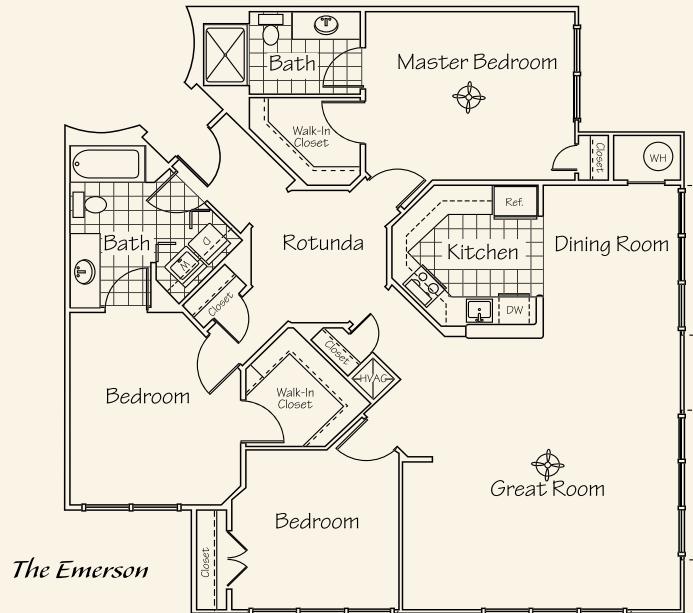
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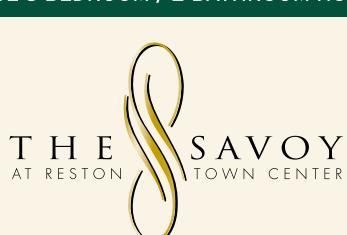
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Bland Management

Some condo hunters buy based on cool architectural details

First-time home buyer Ferrell Ayers knew what she wanted: a condominium in Arlington.

But which to buy? The slowdown in the real estate market meant there were more to consider than at any time in the recent past. Ayers read descriptions of about 200 Arlington condos listed for sale and visited at least 30. Of those, about 25 were completely forgettable beige boxes, with neutral carpets and walls. Ayers found that as soon as she walked out the front door, she had trouble remembering which was which.

Then Ayers, 30, found a place



Ferrell Ayers in the Arlington condo she recently bought. Unusual features such as this stylish fireplace prompted her purchase.

that caught her eye. It was small, only about 570 square feet, with a big price tag at \$250,000. However, it featured a few decorative details that made it unforgettable.

Its front entry had a dramatic

“Sometimes I see 50 condos in a weekend, and they all blend together.”

RICK BOSL
REAL ESTATE AGENT

mosaic floor, composed of ceramic tiles the previous owner had hand-carried home from Italy. Instead of the typical cream-colored walls, the owner had painted the walls pink in the bedroom and a pale yellow in another room. This condo appealed to Ayers more than anything else she had seen. Last month, she bought it.

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"I was so drawn to it that when I saw other people looking at it, I wanted it for my own," Ayers said. "The charm made it unique."

It's long been conventional wisdom in the real estate business, particularly in the Washington area, that neutrally painted and decorated homes bring in the most offers and sell most quickly. Agents typically tell home sellers to rid their properties of idiosyncratic furnishings and decor that might turn off some prospective buyers.

But with a growing number of houses for sale — there were 40,870 houses on the market in the region in August, up from 18,368 in August 2005, according to Metropolitan Regional Information Systems Inc., the area's multiple listing service — some real estate brokers are finding that houses now need unique detail so they will linger in shoppers' minds. Even agents who are trained to distinguish small differences among properties find that sorting among a rising inventory of for-sale houses can result in a mind-numbing blur.

"Sometimes I see 50 condos in a weekend, and they all blend together in my mind," said Rick Bosl, an agent with Keller Williams Realty in Vienna. He said that in some buildings, three or four almost identical units can be for sale. Although price is the first and most important criterion for buyers, a few memorable details can make a difference, as well.

That's the marketing strategy that Nancy and Jack Ginsburg are using to sell their house in Leesburg. Nancy, who studied art at Michigan State University, is a painter who has made her home her canvas. An Asian art aficionado, she painted a coiled red dragon on her dining room ceiling, a spray of cherry blossoms in the butler's pantry and a jungle-themed bedroom that features lush palm fronds crawling up the walls. The doorway to her daughter's bedroom is highlighted by a painted floral garland, an image that suggests the visitor is stepping through a trellis to an outdoor garden.

"I love color and I have no qualms about it," said Ginsburg, 50. But then the Ginsburgs, who became empty nesters when their daughter left for college, began thinking of moving closer to the city and pondered putting their house up for sale. When their real



FORAGING FOR STORAGE: Other appealing elements in the Arlington condominium Ferrell Ayers nabbed include a large, mirrored closet and built-in bookcases.

"It's a good idea to do one thing that makes that house have personality."

DIANA WHITFIELD
REAL ESTATE AGENT

estate agent, Elena Pehrkon of McEnearney Associates in McLean, saw the house, she blanched a bit. The house certainly violates the all-beige mantra. They considered painting everything over in a neutral color, or offering a painting allowance. On the other hand, they reasoned, with 40 other similar houses for sale in the same price range, it might be a good idea to let

the high-spirited decorations speak for themselves.

Pehrkon wasn't sure how the unusual decor would play in Northern Virginia, where tastes tend to be conservative, so when she prepared the brochure and Web site for the property, she decided to highlight the more conventional aspects: the premium lot that backs to parkland, the upgraded amenities, the granite countertops in the expansive kitchen.

But when she held an open house for brokers, she noticed that visitors stuck around longer than usual, oohing and aahing over the painted rooms, and asking each other which rooms they liked best. The house, recently listed for sale at \$860,000, has not yet sold, but Pehrkon feels it got good buzz.

"It may not be to everyone's lik-

ing," Pehrkon said, but "it's nicely and tastefully done." And the decor gives the house personality, something that is important when so many homes "all look the same after a while," she said.

In other words, some say, now is the time to stand out from the pack.

"It goes against the real estate grain, but it's a good idea to do one thing that makes that house have personality," said Diana Whitfield, an agent with Long & Foster in Burke. "It can't be awful — a fuchsia bedroom would be outside the box — but so that it's different. So that it's not plain vanilla."

Not everybody agrees. "In Washington, you don't want to get too unusual," said Mark Gude, an agent with Continental Properties in the District. "This is a very tradi-

tional city. The guys wear button-down shirts and the girls wear Ann Taylor."

To Gude, a little bit is plenty. One detail he liked in a condominium he saw for sale recently was an unusual foyer painted with horizontal stripes. He thought it worked. It was, however, beige.

"Paint? Yeah, I'm all for it. Beige," he said.

Others say homeowners need to go back to the basics — and that all the details need to be superlatives. "We can't afford for a house to be average anymore," said Shirley Mattam-Male, a real estate agent with McEnearney Associates in McLean, who serves as the real estate expert on HGTV's "Designed to Sell."

"Every house has to show like a
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CONDO Living

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designer showcase home."

No matter how funky or straight-laced the decor, however, a few concepts are mandatory, according to real estate agents. Some items universally get the old heave-ho — clutter, stacks of old newspapers and mountains of extra gloves and baseball caps crammed into the closets. Also banished are things that may offend different tastes, such as nude photographs of the owners and their closest friends, walls of brooding religious icons, grip-and-grin photos that shout the seller's political affiliation, or extensive beer-can collections.

But aside from those certainties, the change in the market has left sellers and real estate agents thinking about defining which details make a house memorable in a good way, and those that make it memorable in a bad way. Red-flocked wallpaper is almost always bad now, for example, said Jane Fairweather, an agent with Coldwell Banker in Bethesda.



COLOR ME SOLD: A floor festooned with tiles previous owners got in Italy cemented Ferrell Ayers' decision to buy her condo.

In fact, any wallpaper is usually a turnoff because so many buyers dread the prospect of scraping it off the walls, Whitfield said. "Wallpaper is out," she said.

But color on the walls is differ-

"Houses with personality get buyers to remember them."

JANE FAIRWEATHER
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ent. While older buyers preferred beige, cream and white, younger buyers and people from other parts of the country like more color than in the past, local real estate agents say. Rooms painted in bright modern colors — sage or apple green, not hunter green, for example — are attracting more attention.

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The key for home sellers, Fairweather said, is moderation. "Houses with personality get buyers to remember them," she said. "But if you go too far out on a tangent, and you customize just for your own taste, you'll narrow the pool of buyers for your house. ... It needs to be within the envelope of what this market considers tasteful."

But when a house has unique features, it also gives agents something special to sell.

One house in Cleveland Park, priced at \$1.575 million, is particularly flamboyant. Amid its Italianate, almost rococo, decor is a bedroom that seems designed for use as the setting for a scene from the film "A Passage to India."

Mundane details of life are shielded from view — with the can opener, toaster, scales and television closed away behind retractable panels. The wine cellar is concealed behind a bookcase that swings out to permit entry to those who know how to unlock its mystery.



ALL IN THE DETAILS: Crystal doorknobs add to the old-fashioned, deco-era appeal of Ferrell Ayers' condo in Arlington.

Some real estate agents might have asked the owners to tone it down, but Diann Heine of

Washington Fine Properties decided to let the house speak for itself. She thinks it will sell to an elegant

couple, probably without children, who entertain frequently.

"This is a very sophisticated,

special house," Heine said. "It's so unique it is OK just the way it is."

And Ross Vann, an agent with Long & Foster's Foggy Bottom office, is salivating at the chance

"When I saw other people looking at it ... I wanted it for my own.

FERRELL AYERS
CONDO BUYER

to market an 800-square-foot Dupont Circle condo that features a 42-inch plasma TV that rotates, so people can continue to watch the screen as they move from the kitchen to the bedroom to the living room. It will be listed for \$400,000.

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KIRSTIN DOWNEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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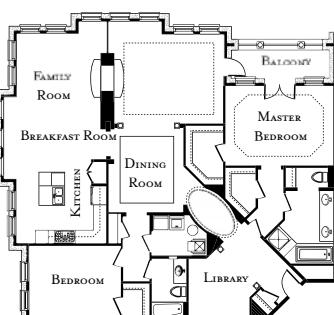
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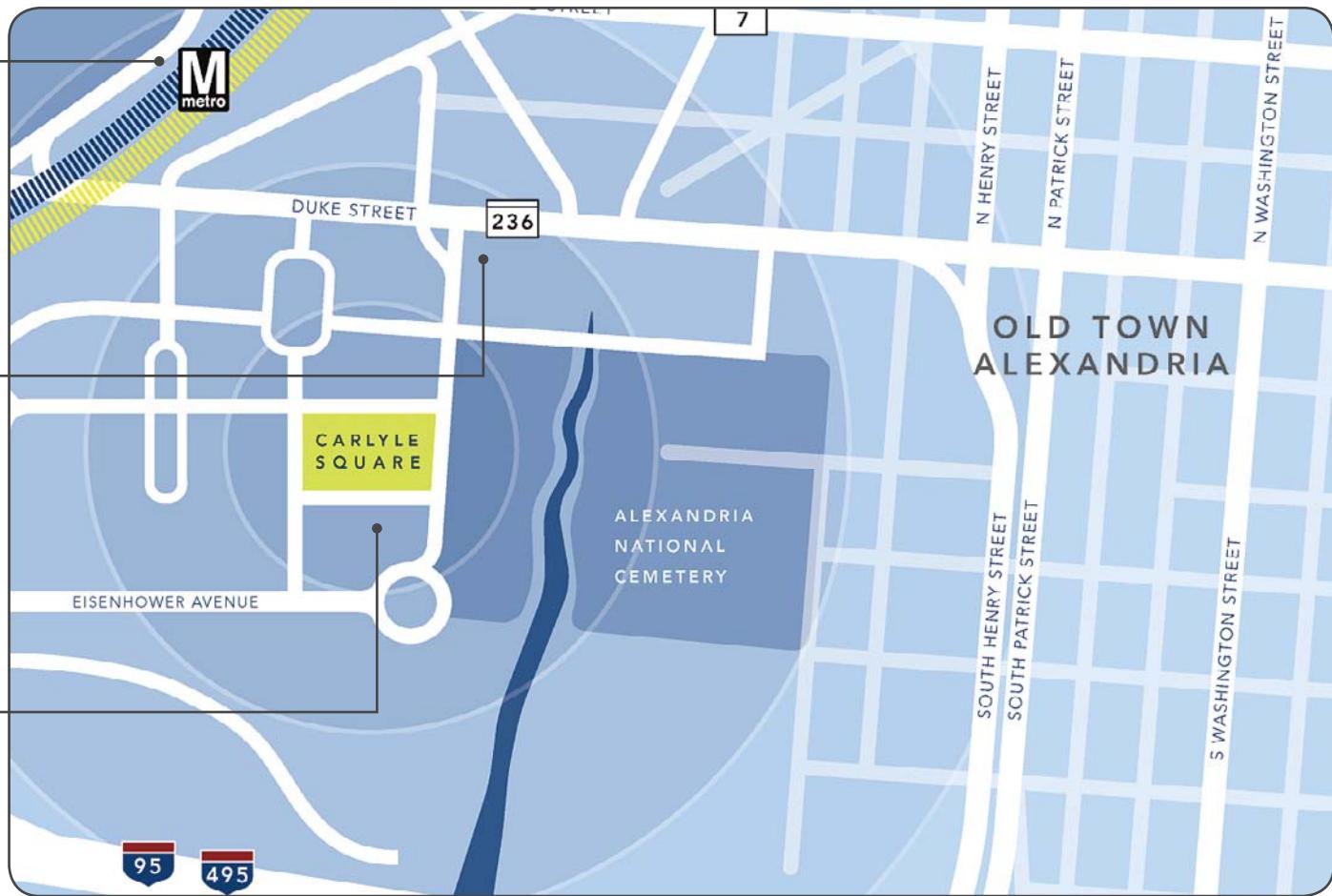
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Design and decor bloggers rank AU's sleeper sofas among the most comfortable both to sit on and sack out on. A foam mattress and no bar under your back make the Jasmine, above and below, feel almost like a normal bed when unfurled. (\$1,499-\$2,499, [CREATIVE CLASSICS](http://CREATIVECLASSICS.COM), 906 KING ST., ALEXANDRIA; 703-518-4663; CREATIVECLASSICS.COM)

Overnight Sensation

Expecting her first baby, Arlington's Carolyn J. Hill knew she'd have to get two things: a crib and something for the grandparents to sleep on. "My husband and I have a lot of guests stay in our den," she said. "I didn't want to feel guilty about the accommodations." So, she bought AU's "Jasmine" sofa. On the inside, a comfy foam mattress; on the outside, kid-proof Ultrasuede.

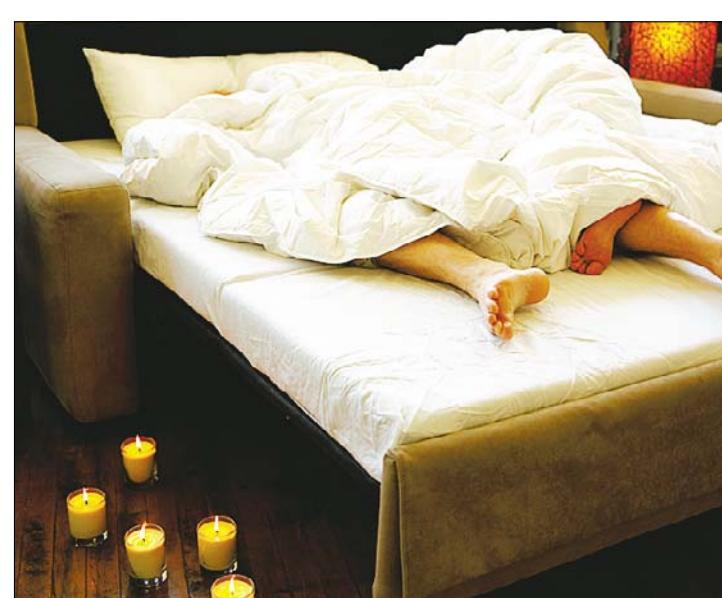
Like Hill, many nesters enjoy overnight visitors, but they lack the stuff or style to have them. To be a host with the most, Kimpton Hotels' Sarah Crocker thinks like a B&B owner. "I welcome people with wine, like we do at the hotels," she said. Nice sheets and a cushy crash spot will also make your college roomie or Aunt



Edie feel at home. "Sleepers are a good choice in small spaces," said Rachel Hughey of Creative Classics (906 King St., Alexandria; 703-518-4663), which sells AU sofas. And if you're worried about impressing guests, remember, a home-cooked breakfast can make up for a lousy night's sleep. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



No closet in the bedroom—or living room corner—where your guests sleep? Let them stash their stuff on a sturdy, wooden hotel-style luggage stand (\$50) or a ready-for-the-garment-district metal clothing rack (\$124). The fact that these pieces roll or fold away makes them especially useful for out-of-season clothing storage, as well. (CONTAINERSTORE.COM)



Summon visions of an exotic Bedouin tent camp or a pasha's palace by letting guests snooze on velvet floor cushions in colors like kiwi and turquoise. These can transform a bench into a daybed or a bit of floor into something soft and inviting. (\$100, URBANOUTFITTERS.COM)



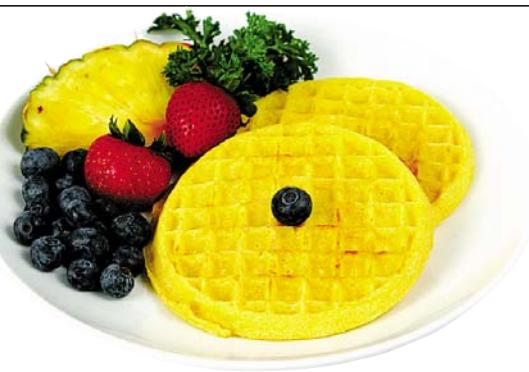
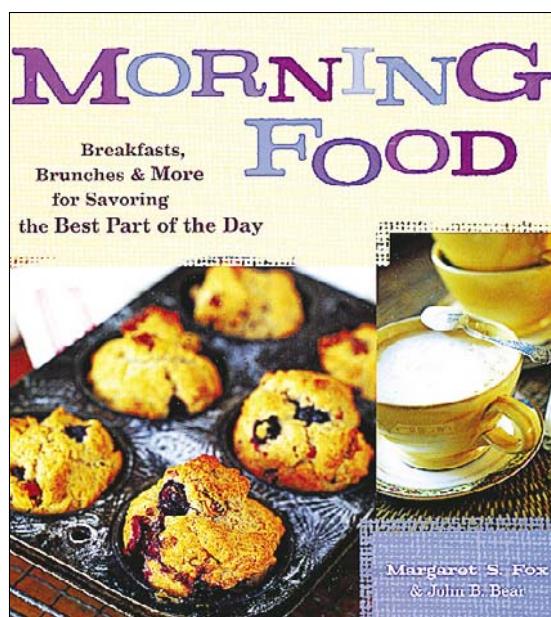
London's innovative Bonbon Trading custom crafts sofas that transform into very "Brady Bunch"-esque bunk beds with a single movement. Frame finishes include colorful lacquer; upholstery choices range from primary hues to muted pastels. Comes with a built-in ladder. (FOR PRICE QUOTES AND INFORMATION, SEE BONBON.CO.UK)



A (clean) robe in the bathroom screams, "Welcome to my boutique-hotel-like apartment!" Animal-print terry numbers, standard in all Kimpton Hotels rooms, seem like a particularly wild choice for guests. (\$120 EACH; KIMPTONSTYLE.COM)



Daybeds are like good friends with split personalities. When you have the condo to yourself, these babies from Ballard Designs, left, (\$600, BALLARDDESIGNS.COM), and West Elm (\$500-\$1,000, WESTELM.COM) masquerade as sofas. But when a pad crasher shows up, both morph into cozy nap zones.



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DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE: The restaurants, views and condos of Washington Harbour draw partiers, property seekers and joggers to the shores of the Potomac, where colonial merchants once traded in tobacco.

History Gets Hipper

Shops, java huts and haute condos keep Georgetown bustling

Real estate brochures love to tout “location, location, location.” But if they’re meant to sell a condominium or town house in Georgetown, the hyperbole might be true. The historic streets and brick sidewalks of D.C.’s oldest neighborhood may well represent the ultimate capital address.

It’s here, after all, where Hollywood comes to film, chain stores come to open and people

Hot 'Hood

from college students to socialites come to be seen.

Georgetown actually predates the formation of the District itself. The Town of George began as its own municipality in 1751 and served as a thriving port for goods such as tobacco before it was formally annexed in 1871.

G-town established itself as an affluent neighborhood in 1862 with the addition of horse-drawn streetcars on M Street. But by the turn of the 20th century, the area had become a veritable slum, with industries like lumber yards and meat rendering plants lining the banks of the Potomac River. One



BEWITCHING BREW: Georgetowners head to Baked and Wired, where java pro Jacob Grier and owner/baker Teresa Velazquez serve coffee and good pastries.

remnant of those grimy days — the 130-foot-high red brick smokestack of a former garbage incinerator — now crowns a complex holding the Loews Georgetown 14 movie theater and the tony Ritz-Carlton hotel and condominiums.

Thanks mostly to FDR New Dealers, whose interest in Georgetown’s storied past (and fab architecture) brought them back in the 1930s, the zone again started drawing the affluent, the fashionable and the politically plugged-in. Big-name residents recently past (John F. Kennedy) and present (John Kerry, George Stephanopoulos), lively restaurants and high-end shopping solidified the neighborhood’s cachet.

“I can’t begin to say how much Georgetown’s reputation has to do with why people are looking to buy here,” said Nancy Taylor-Bubes, a Coldwell Banker Realtor who knows

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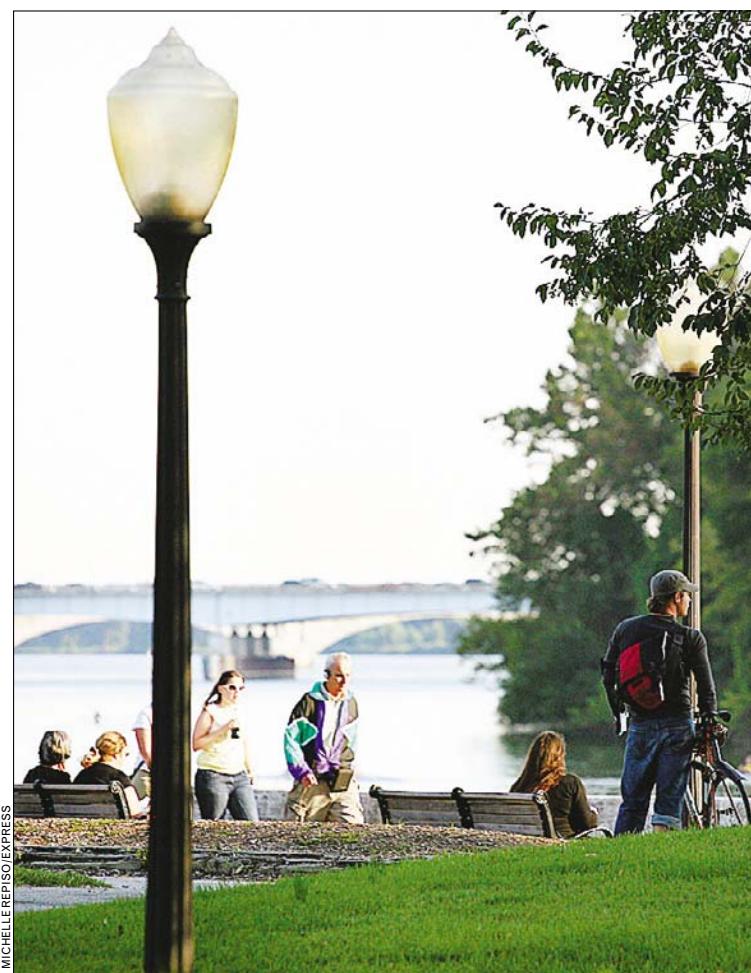


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firsthands. Until recently, she lived in a condominium at the Washington Harbour, the luxe development where Wisconsin Avenue meets the Potomac. "But it's not always easy trying to buy here."

Georgetown, she said, has limited room for new condo complexes. And listings in established buildings often go as quickly as the \$100-an-ounce skin creams peddled in the neighborhood's posh shops. "You're not likely to find much for less than half a million dollars," said Taylor Bubes. On average, residential prices in Georgetown cost buyers upward of \$700 per square foot.

But Sarah Hudson and Susan Fagen, Realtors with Long & Foster's Georgetown office, said it's always possible to find something. A recent troll through their listings showed 40 potential properties on the market in and around the area, ranging from a \$259,000 studio to a nearly \$4 million penthouse in a newer building by the river.

None of the 28 condos at the Ritz was on the market at press time. If they were, one can assume the personalized service of a boutique

building (and its accompanying full-time staff) would fall into the upper brackets.

"I think people really like the neighborhood because it's so leafy and charming," said Fagen. "The homes are impeccable, and you walk along cobblestone streets under grand old trees."

It was just the kind of charm that 36-year-old attorney Alex Lakatos was seeking when he bought a two-bedroom condo at 2500 Q Street in early 2001. A partner at Mayer, Brown and Roe's West End office, he especially enjoys the five-minute walk to work each morning.

"And five minutes in another direction will take me right to Dupont Circle, or down to M Street into the heart of Georgetown — it's just the perfect location," he said.

Lakatos remembers, all too vividly, the difficulties of finding the right place here at the right price. Sometimes, jumping into this hot zone just requires luck and timing.

"After four months of looking, I was actually able to see this place right before it was going on market.

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Spots to Score a Nest Buy

Yeah, U Street has cool shoe stores, and Chevy Chase hosts a slew of haute jewelry shops. But for home decor boutiques, Georgetown remains the epicenter of retail in the District. Shops hawking everything from Chinese tomb sculptures to German kitchen cabinets fill historic houses and shiny modern storefronts. Retailers dominate on major thoroughfares like M Street and Wisconsin Avenue

Need furniture for your new pad? Head to Cady's Alley (main entrance: 3318 M Street, NW; cadysalley.com), tucked just below M Street, for sleek, upscale stores for the mod-minded. Think Design Within Reach (307 Cady's Alley;

202-339-9480) and Contemporaria (3303 Cady's Alley; 202-338-0193). Cady's Alley shops facing M Street include Ann Sacks (3328 M St. NW; 202-339-0840) for high-end bathroom fixtures and tile, Gore Dean (3338 M St. NW; 202-625-9199) for quirky antiques (romantic chandeliers, campaign beds, garden urns) and Random Harvest Studio (3304 M St. NW; 202-333-6621) for well-priced velvet armchairs and art deco-style lamps.

For pieces that match the historical significance of your new 'hood, upper Wisconsin Avenue between P Street and Reservoir Road is known as Book Hill — as well as antiques central. Pop into David Bell (1655 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-2355) for unusual architectural pieces, like cast-iron window frames and Gothic stone columns, or Carling Nichols (1675 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5600) for a mix of sleek lacquered vessels and decorative 19th-century furniture from around Asia. c.o.

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I loved it and bought it immediately for the asking price," he said. One of his favorite amenities is simple — the view. At night, he can take in the sparkling high-rises of Rosslyn, Va. He and his wife, Kelly, make a tradition of watching the Fourth of July fireworks from their bedroom window.

Just down Q Street from Lakatos, there's a rather unusual Georgetown sight — or site: new construction. Back from the street, and easy to miss, the Sheridan Garage, originally built in 1922 to house the cars of Georgetown's elite, has been vacant since the early 1980s. Local developer Kenner-Squire bought the property back in 2002, and after working with the neighbors and the Old Georgetown Board to come up with the final design, started the project late last year.

The plan calls for a conversion of the garage and the addition of two buildings that, when finished, will look like adjoining row houses. With an average size of 1,100 square



Drawn by good views and an easy walk to his job in the West End, attorney Alex Lakatos bought a condo at 2500 Q Street.

feet each, the 34 Sheridan Garage units (priced from \$600,000 to \$900,000) are expected to deliver next summer.

Conversions of rental units to condos is popular in Georgetown right now. The Madelon, a brick building that shelters popular sidewalk restaurants like celeb haunt Cafe Milano (3251 Prospect St. NW; 202-333-6183), Bangkok Bistro (3251 Prospect St.; 202-337-2424) and Peacock Cafe (3251 Prospect St. NW; 202-625-2740), is in the process of fully renovating its 35 units. The condos, which until March were rentals, have no load-bearing walls, meaning that floor plans can be modified to the owner's specifications. "You basically pay for a clean shell, and the price includes a remodel of a new kitchen and bath," said developer Robert Elliott. "It's the best of both worlds: a brand-new home in a historic, green setting with plenty of shops and spots to eat."

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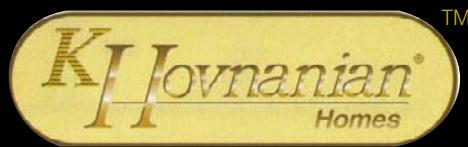
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Where to Feed and Be Scene

The crowds of well-dressed folks on weekend nights — some more sober than others — prove that, despite up-and-coming nightlife neighborhoods (H Street Northwest, Penn Quarter, Clarendon), Georgetown remains alive and popular after 5 p.m.

So where are the cool kids drinking and dining? Some head to Maté (3101 K St. NW; 202-333-2006), a slick crimson-walled lounge with sharp, metallic lights dripping from the ceiling. The menu dances between Asian and Latin, dishing out yellowtail/corn masa sushi rolls and miso soup with quinoa (a South American grain). Make sure to dude up if you come here, since

a strict dress code (no sneakers, T-shirts or hats, Georgetown Hoyas or otherwise) seems to keep the crowds down. It's either that or the somewhat burly bouncers.

If you're more neo-bohemian, grab the tiny window table at Cafe Bonaparte (1522 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-8830), a tin-ceilinged French bistro specializing in sweet and savory crepes — don't miss the L'Americain, a haute spin on a PB&J sandwich. The place is always bustling, yet there's rarely much of a wait.

And while the food isn't as good as the decor, late-night fave Mie N Yu (3125 M St. NW; 202-333-6122) draws corporate yuppies and trendy Euros to a 10,000-square-foot fantasia of a space, where you can sit surrounded by Moroccan silks, inside a Turkish tent or within a giant birdcage. Don't skip the unisex bathroom with its intricate carved doors and sinks made from wooden buckets filled with shimmering river rocks. c.o.

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make G-town appealing. Baked & Wired (1052 Thomas Jefferson St., NW; 202-333-2500) draws locals with its combo coffee bar and bakery. "Tourists are afraid to come in, because it doesn't say 'Starbucks,'" said owner Teresa Velazquez. "We get businesspeople and our neighbors." Velazquez, who often takes custom orders for parties and events in Georgetown, said she liked knowing what to make for residents even before they order.

The same bustling street scene that draws condo buyers also attracts new shops, many of them locally owned. Nancy Pearlstein, moved her upwardly hip men's and women's clothing boutique, Relish, (3312 Cady's Alley; 202-333-5343) to Georgetown from Chevy Chase two years ago. "I loved the space, the architecture. I like being by the canal," said Pearlstein. "I wouldn't be anywhere else in town."

And like many retailers, she

finds that Georgetown crowds — whether visitors or residents — have the funds and appetite for high-end, high-style gear from labels like Marni and Junya Watanabe.

Anthony Lanier of EastBanc, the developer behind some of the biggest projects in Georgetown (Cady's Alley, the Ritz-Carlton and 3303 Water St.) sums it up: "There are criteria people look for when they're looking for a home: safety, access, convenience and prestige," said Lanier. "There's no area that combines these better than Georgetown."

So while Georgetown began as a cool spot, those white-wigged colonials probably never dreamed the neighborhood would still be an "it" zone centuries later. But G-town's forefathers might relate to its continuing blend of commerce and chic. Status, it seems, wears even better than cobblestone streets.

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Even in Hollywood, it's clear that there are pros and cons to organized developments. Think of the suburban zombieland in "The Stepford Wives."

But what is a planned community, really? What's the difference

between buying a condo or townhouse in one or not?

Group Planned Community Archives, a Fairfax, Va.-based nonprofit group, said the term "planned community" basically refers to any large-scale, mixed-used development that boasts on-site shops, restaurants and offices, as well as residences. They're meant to attract a diverse population with their conveniences.

Amenities tend to be plentiful in such communities, which are often referred to in the industry as PUDs — planned urban developments. Take the National Harbor Project, currently being built at the foot of the Wilson Bridge in Prince George's County. When it delivers in 2008, the 300-acre development will include 2,500 condominiums, a 4,000-room hotel and a million square feet of retail, entertainment and restaurants. In Loudoun County,

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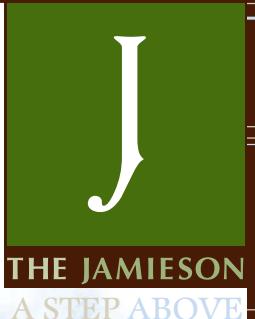
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CONDOLiving



Loudoun County's Lansdowne on the Potomac has houses, condos, restaurants and a golf course, which sometimes hosts celebrity tournaments for charity.

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the already established Lansdowne on the Potomac not only encompasses residences, stores and restaurants, but also has its own elementary and middle schools and Inova Loudoun Hospital.

Fitness centers are a given even at normal condominiums. But in PUDs, golf fairways and putting greens are par for the course these days. Next summer, Pulte Homes' new Potomac Club development in Woodbridge, Va., will offer residents what Shawn Evans, a Pulte vice president of sales and marketing, calls a "beyond state-of-the-art fitness center with on-site trainers." The Potomac Club will also feature a three-story rock-climbing wall for those who want to be like Spider-Man. And in Haymarket, Va., the Piedmont development boasts both indoor and outdoor pools.

And D.C. area offerings seem tame compared with perks PUDs put forth elsewhere. Residents at Cooper Life at Craig Ranch in Texas enjoy "boutique" medical care, which includes doctors who make house calls. Buy property at Las Vegas' Rhodes Ranch, and you can frequent on-site handball, basketball and squash courts.

Living in one of these mini-worlds isn't just fun and games. Planned communities may also offer a degree of safety that stand-alone

buildings don't. Yes, many normal condo complexes and townhouses include a security gate or locked entry door. But a new trend in master-planned communities is to post live guards at the gate to check who's coming in and who they're coming to see. No verification? No entry. The extra step decreases the risk of home robberies and car crimes.

It can be nice to come home to swimming pools and added safety features. But before buying property in a PUD, consider whether you'll actually use these things. "Look and see if what they call a town center really provides amenities you want," said John McIlwain, senior housing fellow at the Urban Land Institute in D.C., a nonprofit research organization that promotes responsible land use. "Don't take it for granted [that it will] meet your needs."

Sixty-something Barbara Wise, a training course developer, bought a townhouse in Reston Town Center in 1995. "I was at the right place at the right time," she said. "The fact that it was a planned community didn't enter my mind." She said the retail and restaurant scene in Reston is lively, but she doesn't take advantage of it. "The stores really don't cater to my style. They're more upscale," she said. "And I seldom eat out."

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rupting their children by changing schools or otherwise changing the daily scenery of their lives.

And that scenery may be more varied in a planned community because there are multiple developers designing the homes. Ryan said, "Typically in larger planned communities, the consumer gets a much greater choice of home product and builder. [That means] various choices of floor plans and elevations, so you'll get more options with regard to price and use of space."

Like condos, planned communities also offer relief from everyday maintenance issues. People who live in PUDs usually pay homeowner's association fees. These cover things like grounds maintenance, snow removal and the salary for that guard checking IDs at the gate.

"That can be good, because it takes the responsibility for managing the common areas, roads and the like," said McIlwain. "You participate in a democratic little group.



date with them."

Beyond that, folks bunking down in the same 'hood often have a lot in common. "Most people want someone in a particular economic bracket with a particular lifestyle," said Masini. "People living in these communities are already showing you their lifestyle and their economic bracket."

The dating scene didn't draw Sakelaris to her condo at Carlyle Square, but she is considering another lifestyle change based on her new location: ditching her car. "It's pointless. I don't need it."

Whether you live in a stand-alone condo or townhouse or a master-planned community really depends on how much you like to control your environment. Wise said, "If you're a free spirit, this isn't for you. If you like to garden or put up fences or change things around."

But if you like consistency in your surroundings and enjoy swimming, biking and other things a planned community offers, you may have just found your new home. LYNN THORNE

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On the flip side, he said, "Frequently, there are restrictions over what you can do with your property. Can you rent your property out? Do they pick the color of your front door?"

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tenance for you. HOA dues may be significantly higher — often 50 percent or more — in a master-planned community than they would be in an infill.

One perk to living in a planned community: access to new friends and potential dates. "People have a lot better chance of running into

each other at the pool, golf course, club house or communal activity center," said April Masini, author of "50 First Dates" and AskApril.com, an online dating and relationship magazine. "This makes finding out if a person is right for you easier, because you have more opportunities to see them before you go on a

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A HAPPY 'HOOD': Tameka Kirk, left, and Nichole Burnette seek a cab in Chinatown, a D.C. zone scholar Richard Florida called free of "urban development crimes."

government town.

Florida ticked off the presence of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., Discovery Communications Inc., Weekly Standard editor Bill Kristol and liberal economics writer William Greider, as examples of the dynamic.

Such a constellation of people and companies and interests forms "organically," Florida said. In 2000, developers encouraged telecom and tech companies to move to the next destination on Florida's August city tour, First and M streets Northeast, the heart of NoMa. A few came, but the migration trickled to a halt as the dot-com boom went bust.

"I wanted to say artists and creative people have relevance."

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The area has since shown signs of life with the opening of a Metro station, XM's headquarters and interest from developers. But standing on First Street, Florida said he found the idea of an organized technology corridor laughable. "The whole idea you can create a technology district as a real estate solution doesn't work," he said. A Google-esque endeavor was never going to take root there without nearby universities pumping out the necessary talent to create it, he said.

The conditions necessary for technological innovation are not unlike the ones that produced local punk-rock band Fugazi in the 1980s, Florida explained later, flashing his knowledge of the local music scene.

"I know a little bit — enough to be dangerous — about the music scene here ... The only really culturally innovative thing besides go-go was that punk movement that came out of D.C. in the '80s," Florida said, adding that it "had a lot to do with a lot of smart kids going to college here and cheap rents to create spaces like the 9:30 Club."

Another major factor in attracting creative-class types is "openness," he said. And so far, Washington has proved to be

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A Capital of Culture?

'Creative Class' author examines D.C. neighborhoods

On a mid-morning in early August, Richard Florida — theoretician du jour about what makes cities succeed — wouldn't stop staring at the bungalows speeding past his car window in the Brookland area.

"This is a real neighborhood. I know when people hear the term 'Northeast' what they think," he said. "The typical advantaged person doesn't know this exists."

With Florida riding shotgun, his assistant steered his Land Rover toward Prince George's County.

The author of "The Rise of the Creative Class" has become increasingly influential with local development officials since moving here from Pittsburgh two years ago for a post at George Mason University.

In Prince George's, his work — which argues that cities that attract highly educated "creative class" workers fare better economically — was considered "validation" for the Gateway Arts District, an initiative to revive the Route One corridor. In Fairfax, officials are working on a summit on creative economies and how businesses can attract a creative work force.

Florida approves of such talk. His criticism of Washington is that

not enough of its residents think of themselves as living in a creative, dynamic place.

"People in these communities think they're part of a different region and they're not," he said. "This is a global center. It's one of the 10 most important economic regions in the world."

Creative-class types value authenticity. They prefer "streets lined with a multitude of small venues" such as bars with live performances, art galleries and bookstores, which set the stage for overlapping social scenes.

For members of the creative class, "this kind of 'scene of scenes' provides another set of visual and

aural cues they look for in a place to live and work," he writes. "You may not paint, write or play music, yet if you are at an art-show opening or in a nightspot where you can mingle and talk with artists, you might be more creatively stimulated than if you merely walked into a museum and proceeded to spectate."

Florida defines the creative class by occupation. It includes not only the stereotypical bohemians, such as artists, dancers, and writers — classified as "super creatives" — but also lawyers, mathematicians and computer programmers. The definition covers about 47 percent of the Washington work force, making the region much more than a



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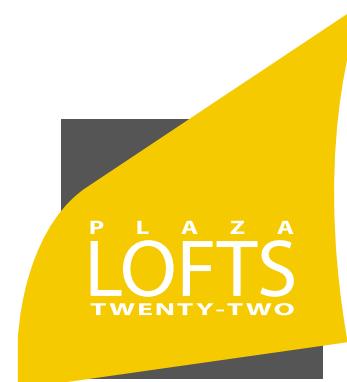
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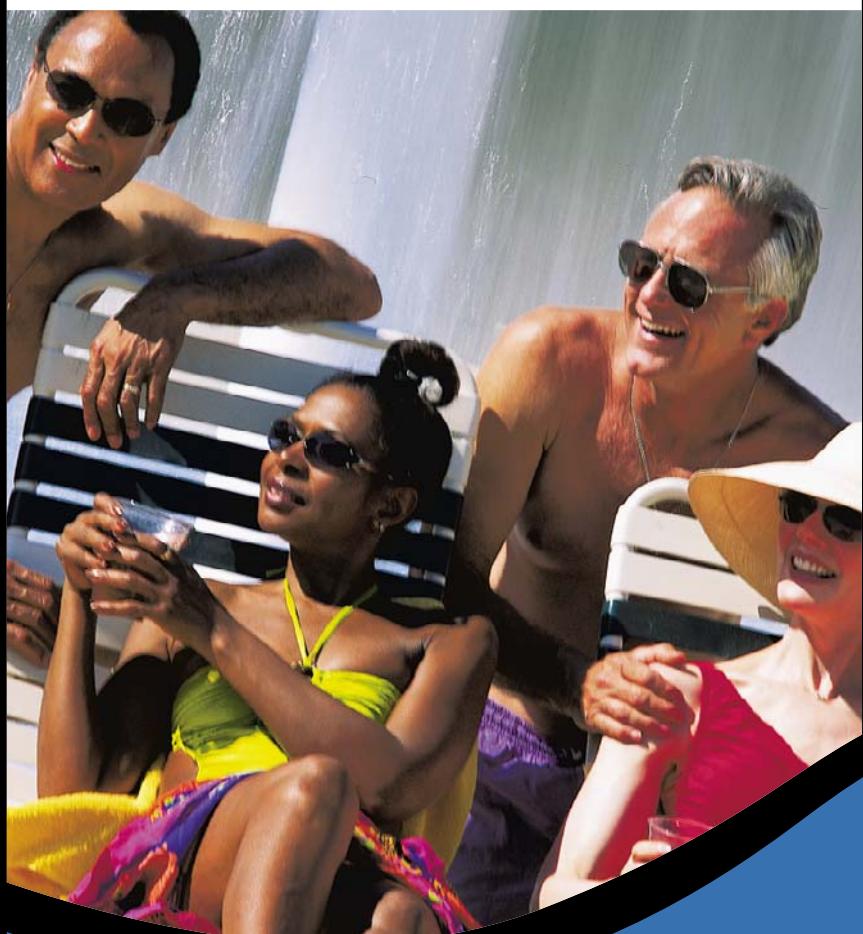
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Anthony Delong, front, and Melvin Murray dine at Fuddruckers in Chinatown, a neighborhood scholar Richard Florida said has had its history largely maintained.

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more open than Pittsburgh, especially relating to his contention that a large gay presence correlates positively with a city's economic performance. The idea didn't fly too well in Steel City.

"I think most of my critics distort my ideas. 'Florida is for bohemians and gays and not for families.' Duh. I'm a member of a family," he said. "I wanted to say artists and culturally creative people have relevance."

"My work isn't about a place to get a latte and nightlife. What my work is about is harnessing the energy we see in the community."

When he isn't teaching at George Mason or traveling the world for speaking engagements, Florida, 48, can be found biking in Rock Creek Park or working in his Cleveland Park study, which looks like an art gallery. When he and his wife go out, it is often to Gallery Place.

Despite Gallery Place's prefab jumble of modern and historic-looking facades, he pronounced it free of "urban development crimes."

Like other creative-class centers, Washington is already facing threats to the mix: a dearth of affordable housing and rising income inequality. The very dynamics that are attracting creative-class workers to the area are also helping drive out the qualities they seek. And that can lead to stifling homogeneity. "Once a place gets boring, even the rich people leave," he said.

Take Adams Morgan, which he

cited in "The Rise of the Creative Class" as having the sort of multicultural sensibility that creative types crave. A recent drive through the neighborhood on a Saturday night changed that view.

"I was in shock. Adams Morgan has become something fundamentally different on the weekend," he said, referring to the throngs of

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RICHARD FLORIDA
URBAN SCHOLAR AND AUTHOR

inebriated, pizza-eating 20-somethings filling the streets. "This isn't the place it's going to happen."

On U Street, Florida wondered whether revitalization had already extracted a price. "I can barely see the legacy of Duke Ellington," he said. All was not lost. On the way out of Busboys and Poets, a cafe-restaurant tucked inside a new condo development, Florida picked up a free literary journal titled "Divided City." In its pages, he appeared to find the sense of "realness" he had found lacking in the streetscape.

"Holy [expletive]. These people need to be in the debate," he said, paging through it intensely.

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